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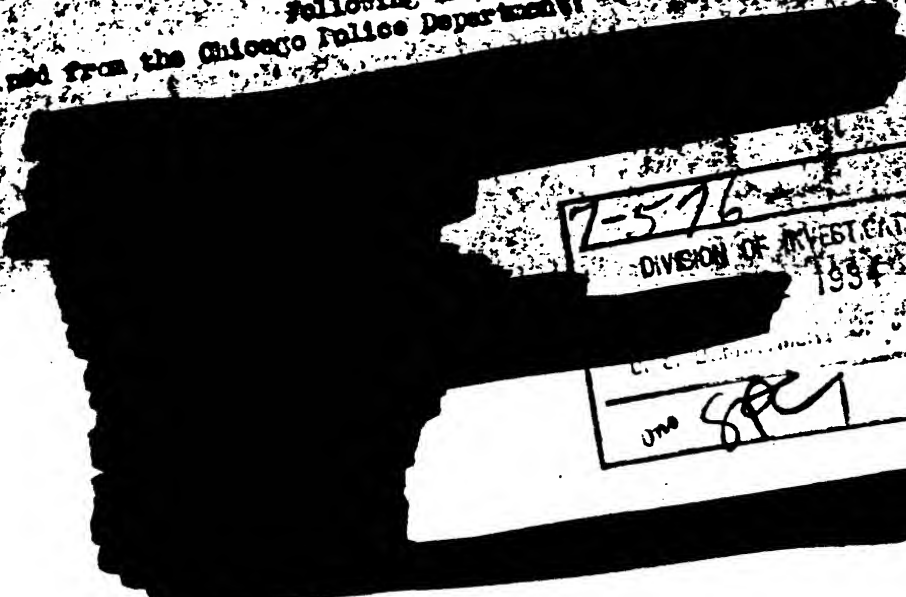
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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
205 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir: Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
EDWARD BREMER, Victim,  
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to letter from this office dated January 27, 1934, containing information to the effect that one William E. Reed might have been connected with the above kidnaping. Transmitted herewith is a photograph of this individual obtained from the Chicago Police Department.

Following is a description of Reed obtained from the Chicago Police Department:



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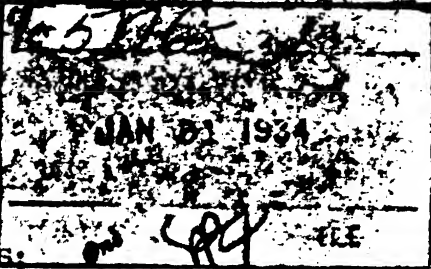
Very truly yours,

MS/az  
cc Division

M. B. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building  
Philadelphia, Pa.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minn.



Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM;  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to today's telephone conversation between Special Agent in Charge Frank J. Blake and the writer, wherein Mr. Blake advised information had been received in St. Paul that Pat Crowe, reformed kidnapper and racketeer, possessed pertinent information relative to the above entitled case.

For your information, Special Agent J. F. McDavitt located Pat Crowe, who is now residing at the Salvation Army Hotel, 705 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, at which address Crowe will remain until the end of the week, at which time, he stated, he intends to return to Chicago. Crowe advised that he had dispatched a wire to E. F. Sweeney, Sweeney Detective Bureau, Inc., 426 First National Bank Building, St. Paul, Minn., Crowe stating that Sweeney is an ex-captain of detectives in St. Paul and is the only man with whom he (Crowe) will attempt any negotiations. Crowe advised that he is aware of the identity of the kidnapers in the instant case; that there are five in number, one of whom is an ex-Deputy United States Marshal and an ex-convict (2) an ex-St. Paul policeman; the other three persons consist of pimps and bootleggers. Three of the five are old timers; the remaining two are younger men and are related, being either brothers or nephews of one of the older men.

Crowe's proposition is briefly this: If satisfactory to Sweeney, he will contact Sweeney and make necessary arrangements for the ransom money to be paid and the victim returned to his family, claiming that the victim is now alive on a farm (exact location not divulged). He further stated that as a reward for his services he desires 5% of the ransom money recovered, claiming that



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his part will consist of placing "the finger" on the guilty parties, and that he (Crowe) will figure neither in the trial nor will his identity become known. In the event that no ransom money is recovered, Crowe stated he receives nothing for his services but is working purely on the 5% basis of the ransom money recovered.

Crowe refused to divulge any further information, reiterating that he preferred to deal with Sweeney, who was absolutely reliable and was acquainted with Crowe. He further advised that the motive in the instant case was the same as that in the Hann case, which, according to Crowe, was a desire on the part of ex-bootleggers to establish themselves in the liquor business.

Crowe was questioned at length both by Special Agent M. Devitt and the writer at this Division Office, but the above information comprises all that Crowe would divulge. He is very valuable and takes great pains to impress upon his listeners his achievements of the past in kidnaping cases.

Crowe also stressed the fact that if knowledge becomes public that he is involved in this case, the gangsters responsible for this crime will immediately put young Bremer to death.

Very truly yours,

A. SCHROEDER, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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Dear Sir: read all of this!

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It certainly took a lot of nerve to write this but it might be of some use if followed, may lead to some clue concerning the Edward Bremer kidnapers, if not their capture.

It looks like another of those "unsolved cases." Why wouldn't it be possible to trick them by finding some man to impersonate Edward Bremer. Let the papers publish what they wish. Let them publish in headlines that Edward Bremer has returned, escaped from his captors. Create and build up a story of his escape. Let him step into the life of the real Edward Bremer, let his family welcome him and let him live in this home with his parents. Create a story and atmosphere that would be easy with the wealth of intelligence and resources at your command. I realize the difficulties that are bound to arise, but as a last resort why wouldn't it be possible to do this?

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The success of the entire plan is to make the kidnapers think that some other gang is trying to "pull a fast one" on the family. This may lead them to take chances they would never take if they thought the public and the police were still looking for them. Let the man you pick out appear in any pictures in the papers, Pathe news etc (of course they must look somewhat alike). Think of the chances that the real captors may see his picture and hear him talk and surely they will try to find out what it is all about. Their curiosity will most certainly exert itself.

Lead them to believe that this new Edward is meeting confederates some place. Have a well known character of gang land (friendly with the police) confer with him in out-of-the-way places in the city. Let them think that the fake Edward and Pale are trying to swindle the Bremer family (of course the Bremer family will know that ~~he~~ is not their real son). All this time the police may pick up some clue that will unravel the whole case. They may capture the fellow who tries to shadow the fake Edward. Let the fake Edward give an address

as talk on his adventure in a public place (advertised before time) free of charge. He bet that one of the kidnapers will be in the crowd. They will have to hear his story thinking that the police have forgotten them as they will wonder what the other fellows game is.

Think of it! Why couldn't a camera be placed at the door just inside to take pictures of the people as they entered and later studied by police officials and detectives in hopes that they might pick up some information concerning the captors. Shouldn't it be worth the trouble if you found the real Edward Bremer? Think of his family! Think of your department! You could even arrest suspicious characters at this public appearance. It would be the biggest thing in police history.

The kidnapers took a chance. Don't let them think that you are not game. If you fail, what is the difference? What have you to lose? You at least - tried.

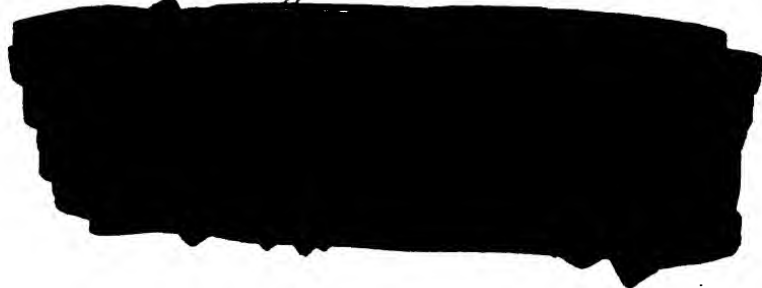
This entire idea probably sounds crazy to you more educated and ... men, but that may be

the most important part of the entire case. It should mislead the kidnapers as to the motive of the whole plan.

Please don't mention this letter to anyone or my name. It took a lot of nerve to write this, but I feel very sorry for his family and I hope to God that this suggestion may be of some help to you.

Sincerely -

etc



Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice  
P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

January 31, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

The attention of the Division is invited to letter addressed to the St. Paul Division Office by the Philadelphia Office, A. Schroeder, Acting, under date of January 30, 1934, in the above entitled matter.

I am of the opinion that CROWE should be forcefully informed either by a representative of the Philadelphia Office, or someone from Washington, that the Division will not tolerate the withholding by him, CROWE, of any information of any kind, or nature whatsoever, that he may possess relative to the BREMER kidnaping case. It is not believed that any action should be taken here in the matter, nor that M. F. SWEENEY of St. Paul, referred to by CROWE, should be taken into the confidence of this office. It is not believed, of course, that CROWE possesses any information relative to the BREMER case and in this connection it should be noted that the original communication from the kidnapers instructed that no negotiations be held in response to any communication other than that bearing the signature of the victim. It is CROWE'S desire to gain either notoriety, or possibly money. However, it would appear intolerable that this old man, who is probably senile, should inject himself into this case and presumably, or, according to his own statement, withhold information from this Division.

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Very truly yours,  
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H. NATHAN,  
Assistant Director.

HN:TC  
AIR MAIL

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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

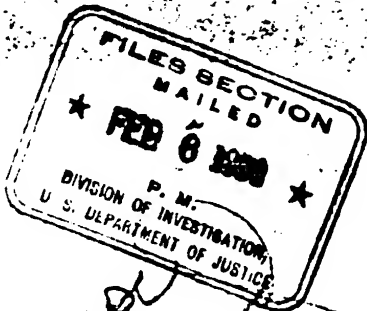
Reference is made to the case entitled  
UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim, KIDNAPING.

b7c There are enclosed herewith copies of a letter  
dated January 29, 1934, from [redacted]  
concerning the above  
entitled matter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

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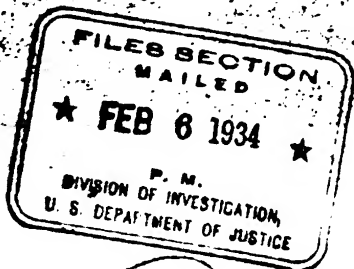
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Dear Madam:

Kindly be advised that your letter of January 29, 1934, concerning the kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer, has been referred to Mr. Werner Hanni, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 203 Post Office Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, for appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

Director.



JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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February 3, 1934.

MR. NATHAN	.....
MR. TOLSON	.....
MR. CLEGG	.....
MR. COWLEY	.....
MR. EDWARDS	.....
MR. EGAN	.....
MR. QUINN	.....
MR. LESTER	.....
MR. LOCKE	.....
MR. RORER	.....

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG.

In connection with the attached letter from Mr. Nathan, advising that Pat Crowe of Philadelphia had made the statement that he had information concerning the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer but had refused to disclose same to a representative of this Division, I called Mr. Harvey and requested him to talk to Crowe and make it plain to him that the Division would not tolerate his withholding any information in connection with this case.

Respectfully,

*E. P. Cowley*  
E. P. Cowley.

Encl. #686521

*If Crowe shows up here  
& let him know in vigorous  
manner that if he withholds  
any information he is going  
to land in trouble.*

*J. E. N.*

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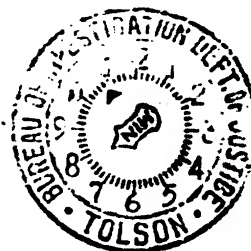
JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

November 18, 1933.



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Mr. John Mahon,  
838 Communipaw Avenue,  
Jersey City, N. J.

Dear Sir:

With further reference to your communication dated October 31, 1933, regarding your application for appointment in the Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, you are advised that there are no vacancies in this service at the present time. However, it is suggested that you execute and return the enclosed formal application blank in order that a statement of your qualifications may be on file for consideration at such time as it may be possible to utilize the services of one with your training and experience.

Very truly yours,

*J. E. Hoover*

Director.

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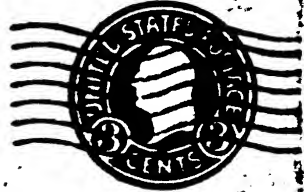
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*J. E. Hoover*

Regarding blood stains found in car of Mr. Bremer  
it is my opinion that blood was purposely put there by  
gang to create fear for his safety thereby soft pedaling the  
man hunt and expediting the ransom payoff. OVER  
I do not believe the captive has twin a scratch and I  
further believe that this scratch was scheduled anyway. 135



Mr. John E. Hoover, Esq. Director,  
U.S. Dept. of Justice  
Washington  
D.C.

Urgent and  
Personal.



From Jno. Maloney

01 JANUARY 22, 1934

SUBJECT - KIDNAP CASE of Mr. BREMER IN ST PAUL MINN.

SUPPLEMENTING MY LETTER of JAN. 19, 1934 ON SAME SUBJECT.

MOTIVE CONSIDERED IN BY BEST MINDS - TO RAISE MONEY FOR DEFENSE COUNSEL  
DEFENSE COUNSEL EITHER KNOWS ENTIRE PLANS OR IS IGNORANT OF SAME  
CONTACT WILL HAVE TO BE MADE BY GANG, DIRECT OR INDIRECTLY SOONER  
OR LATER

PROCEDURE - SHADOW EVERY PERSON MALE OR FEMALE WHO ENTERS DEFENSE  
COUNSEL'S OFFICE AND ASCERTAIN IDENTITY. PROCESS OF ELIMINATION WILL  
CUT DOWN THIS PROCEDURE TO ONE OR TWO SUSPECTS, THEN WATCH  
THE MAIL OR PERSONAL CONTACTS OF THESE SUSPECTS ETC.

ALSO - WATCH ALL MAIL TO LAWYERS AND CHECK PERSON OR ORIGIN  
OF EACH LETTER - THIS WILL ALSO BE CUT DOWN TO A FEW SUSPECTS.

IF AND AFTER RANSOM IS PAID WATCH BANK DEPOSITS OF DEFENSE  
COUNSEL MAY ALSO DEPOSIT MONEY IN NUMBER OF BANKS IN SMALL  
AMOUNTS AND UNDER THE NAMES OF MEMBERS OF THE FAMILY  
SOONER OR LATER THIS PLAN WILL SET ENTIRE GANG INVOLVED.  
THEY HAVE TO WORK THIS WAY.

LAW OFFICES  
DEFENSE  
COUNSEL OF  
TOMMY GANG  
CHICAGO ILL

(?)

VIA U.S. MAIL

TELEPHONE

PERSONAL CONTACT

TO CONTACT MAN OF  
GANG IN CHICAGO  
ALL INFO. & REQUESTS  
OR INSTRUCTIONS

OR MINNEAPOLIS  
OR ADJACENT CITIES  
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ALL NAMES USED WILL BE FICTITIOUS NO DOUBT.

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January 26, 1934.

Mr. John Mahon,  
838 Communipaw Avenue,  
Jersey City, New Jersey.

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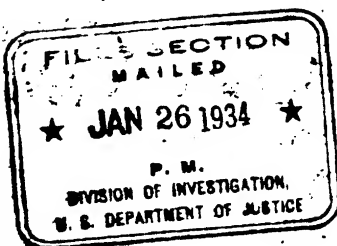
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Dear Sir:

Kindly be advised that your letter of January 22, 1934, concerning the kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer, has been referred to Mr. Werner Manni, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, United States Department of Justice, 203 Post Office Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, and will be given appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
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St. Paul, Minnesota.

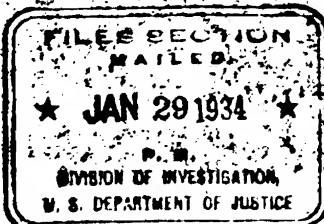
Dear Sir:

Reference is made to the case entitled UNKNOWN  
SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM, KIDNAPING. There  
are inclosed herewith copies of a letter dated January  
22, 1934, from Mr. John Mahon, 836 Communipaw Avenue,  
Jersey City, New Jersey, concerning the above entitled  
case.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Incl. 686474



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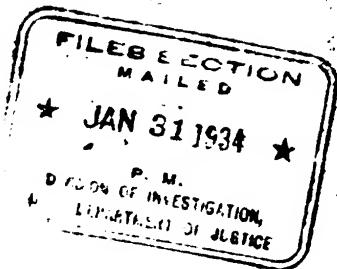
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG.

Mr. Gridley of the United Press advised me during telephonic conversation this morning that there is a rumor around St. Paul Police Stations to the effect that the Bremer family and the kidnapers won't take any steps until our men are called off the case. I advised him that of course there is no basis for this rumor.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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C. C. Yoder

January 29, 1934.

## MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR

Supplementing my recent memorandum in regard to the whereabouts of fugitive Verne Sankey, I wish to submit the following additional information which I received from my brother in Fargo, North Dakota.

He advises that a Special Agent investigated the lead I submitted but that he believed the proper way to have followed it would have been under cover rather than openly investigation in such a vicinity. His reason for this belief, he states, is the well known clannishness of Railroad men. Part of his letter goes on to state:

"He is the dope: Sankey was out there, and he had some pals out there, as close as I could find out was that his pal was a fellow named Frank (Shoem) Derr, now this Derr has a cottage at the lakes and I wouldn't be surprised if that isn't where Sankey has been hiding out. This cottage I believe is some place in the vicinity of Frazee, Minn. Now Frazee isn't very far from Minneapolis and it might be that Sankey is in on that Bremer kidnapping \*\*\*\*\* and to carry the acquaintance of a man by the name of Garfield Stenberg, he was a part time bar tender in the saloon Sankey was supposed to have been in, and he said it was Sankey, he is easy to get acquainted with as he likes hunting and fishing and will talk to anybody about it."

The above information is not submitted as being my own or in any way sanctioned by me I do feel that any possible lead which may help to solve the Bremer case in which the Division is interested should be at least offered for what fruits it may bear.

Respectfully,

R. HAMILTON SMITH.

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER.

February 1, 1934.

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT ST PAUL

REPLYING RECENT CORRESPONDENCE BLOOD TESTS BEING KIDNAPING REQUIRE TEST  
BLOOD SUPPOSEDLY BEING FOUND HIS AUTOMOBILE PURPOSE ASCERTAIN WHETHER  
HUMAN BLOOD AND IF SO WHETHER OF GROUP WHICH COULD NOT BE BLOODS STOP  
TESTS REQUIRE VERY SMALL QUANTITIES ONLY AND CLEANING OF MATERIAL ON WHICH  
SPECIMENS LEFT FREQUENTLY DOES NOT INTERFERE TEST IF BACTERIOLOGISTS MERELY  
DETERMINED SPECIMEN WAS BLOOD BELIEVE VERY IMPORTANT OTHER TESTS BE MADE IF  
AT ALL POSSIBLE ADVISE IMMEDIATELY EXACT LOCATION AND ORIGINAL QUANTITY OF  
SPECIMENS CLEANING METHODS USED AND WHETHER POSSIBLE FORWARD SPECIMENS OR  
PORTIONS OF OBJECTS STAINED PARTICULARLY WHERE FOLDS OR SEAMS OCCUR IN CLOTH  
IF CAR FLOOR MAT STAINED FORWARD IT STOP SPECIMENS MAY BE SCRAPED FROM FLOOR  
CRACKS OR UNDER FLOOR BOARDS STOP MOST DESIRABLE THESE TESTS BE MADE TO  
COMPLETE DIVISIONS RECORDS THIS RESPECT

HOOVER

*Edward L. Bremer  
of Bremer Bank*

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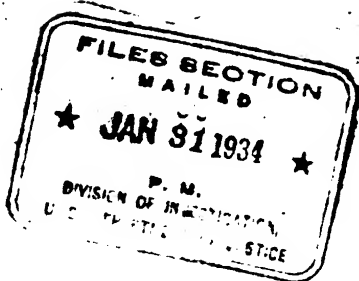
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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CLEGG

Mr. Harry Gusack of the Universal Service telephoned to inquire concerning a story to the effect that "Bremer's kidnapers were sore at the family due to the fact that they were to put a blue eagle in the window signifying they were ready to pay the \$200,000 and one of the kidnapers passed by the house, noticed that the blue eagle was torn in half, which was an indication that they were willing to pay only \$100,000, and therefore they were quite peeved." This is apparently the same story that Mr. Gusack related to you Monday evening. I told him that I knew of no basis for such a story. Mr. Gusack asked me to let him know when the case breaks, and I told him that I would.

Very truly yours,

Director.



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U. S. Bureau of Investigation

Department of Justice  
Room 1403  
370 Lexington Avenue  
New York, N. Y.

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February 1, 1934.



Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim  
Kidnaping - Extortion.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to report of Special Agent George J. Starr of this office, dated January 31, 1934, and my letter of same date, transmitting specimens of handwriting of Bud Lawrence LeMar.

I am forwarding herewith fingerprints of LeMar taken at this office on January 29, 1934. The records of the New York City Police Department have been searched and no previous record could be found.

It is respectfully suggested that the description of LeMar, as set out on page 6 of Agent Starr's report, be supplemented by adding thereto the fingerprint classification

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No copy of the fingerprints of LeMar has been retained at this office. It will be noted that Agent Starr, in taking LeMar's fingerprints, inadvertently reversed the position of the prints as to right and left hand and they have, therefore, been changed to their correct position on the attached card.

Very truly yours,

cc-St. Paul

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F. X. PAY,

Special Agent in Charge

(Enc.)

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203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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January 30, 1934.



Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
370 Lexington Ave., Room 1403,  
New York City, New York.

Dear Sir:

Re: V. WOOD SUBJECTS.  
AND G. BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file No. 7-30.

One Arthur Pedersen, who is described as 35 years of age, 5 feet 8 inches in height, 150 pounds, medium brown hair, partly bald, blue eyes, and ruddy complexion, on January 29, 1934, attempted to make a connection with Walter Magee, contact man in this case. He was arrested by the police at Minneapolis, Minnesota; and on questioning, admitted that his purpose in attempting to make connection with Magee was to obtain small sums of money from time to time from Magee on the pretext that he was endeavoring to solve this kidnaping.

Pedersen stated that for the past year, he worked in the diet kitchen of the Metropolitan Hospital, New York City, and that he resided at 434 East 34th Street, New York City.

It is respectfully requested that this information be checked in New York City and the St. Paul Division office advised at the earliest possible date. Pedersen is being held in jail at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Very truly yours,

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Special Agent in Charge

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February 1, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
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St. Paul, Minnesota.

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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of January 26, 1934, in connection with the latent prints developed on the series of extortion notes in connection with the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM. The search of such of these latent prints as could be classified has been completed in the single fingerprint file with the exception of one print of a delta formation which will necessitate search through the entire file.

Additional identifications of these latent prints with the fingerprints of persons known to have handled the letters have been made as follows:

- 2 fingerprints of Dr. Wippert have been found on the envelope bearing the typewritten address "To Walter Magee, Adolph Bremer, very important".
- 2 latent prints appearing on the envelope addressed "Dr. H. T. Wippert personal, please deliver at once", have been identified as those of Thomas Dahill.
- 2 latent prints appearing on the handwritten letter beginning "Dearest Pat, Please do not worry", have been identified as those of Edward G. Bremer, the victim. One latent print on this same letter has been identified as that of Thomas Dahill.
- 10 of the latent prints found on the handwritten letter beginning "Dear Walter, I'm sorry", have been identified as those of the victim, Edward G. Bremer.
- 1 of the latent prints appearing on the envelope which accompanied the last described letter has been found to be that of Walter W. Magee.

The fingerprints of Mrs. Edward G. Bremer have been compared with the latent prints with negative results.

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There remain 66 latent prints on the series of letters which have not

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SAC, St. Paul.

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been identified and which are of sufficient value to permit direct comparisons with the fingerprints of suspects. Comparisons of suspects as outlined in my letter of January 26th are being conducted. In addition to those listed in the reference letter, the following have been added and are also being given consideration:

John Dillinger	Our file 686382
Russell Clark	157616
Chas. McGray	82731
Frank Mason	4208
Oscar Merrill Hartzell	643231
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Very truly yours,

Director.

AIR MAIL

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MESSAGE TO BE TRANSMITTED BY TELETYPEWRITER.

TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT

ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

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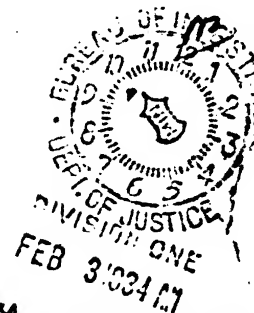
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Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter dated January 26, 1934 relating to the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM, KIDNAPING, with which were transmitted copies of a letter addressed to the Attorney General under date of January 19, 1934 by Mr. A. J. Hertz, 6011 Plankinton Building, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Please be advised that Special Agent V. W. Peterson interviewed Mr. A. J. Hertz on January 30, 1934 in his office located in Room 6011 Plankinton Building, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Mr. Hertz advised that he was formerly an attorney and was engaged in the practice of law in St. Paul, Minnesota. Several years ago he was retained to represent one, Leon Gleckman, who is alleged to be the dominating figure of the St. Paul underworld. Leon Gleckman was indicted for violation of the National Prohibition Act and on the advice of A. J. Hertz, his attorney, a plea of guilty was entered. It is alleged that Gleckman and former Assistant United States Attorney William Anderson, who was representing the Government in the case, were very friendly and that after William Anderson was released from his duties as Assistant United States Attorney he entered the employ of Gleckman in the latter's loan office. It is stated by Mr. Hertz that the Government later filed a confession of error in the case and that because of the influence of Leon Gleckman he, A. J. Hertz, was disbarred.

Mr. Hertz further advised that after his disbarment he moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Subsequent thereto he went to St. Paul, Minnesota for the purpose of instituting a civil suit against Leon Gleckman for damages. On this occasion he was accompanied by one, P. J. Dunham, and they registered in the Lowry Hotel, St. Paul, Minnesota. Apparently Gleckman became aware of the intention of A. J. Hertz to file a civil suit against him for damages. Within a short time after arriving at the Lowry Hotel in St. Paul, he, Mr. Hertz, received a telephone call from some man who informed him that he would meet the same fate as some other men who had been taken for "rides" in St. Paul. A few minutes later three or four

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men came to the Lowry Hotel and without knocking entered his room and began threatening him. Mr. Hertz stated that he became extremely frightened and that he is unable to furnish a description of the men who entered his room on this occasion but he is confident that they were sent there by Leon Gleckman. Mr. Hertz is alleged to have reached for the telephone and the men left the room, after raising a disturbance. Mr. Hertz immediately left St. Paul and did not dare to attempt to return.

According to A. J. Hertz, Leon Gleckman is the Al Capone of the St. Paul underworld, and that it would be almost impossible for gangsters to commit a kidnaping without the knowledge and consent of Leon Gleckman. Leon Gleckman is alleged to have served a term in the United States Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas for violation of the National Prohibition Act and it is stated that he is now under indictment for evasion of the Federal Income Tax.

Mr. A. J. Hertz advised that he is well acquainted with Edward G. Bremer, for whom he has a high regard and also knows the father of Bremer. Mr. Hertz expressed a firm conviction that Leon Gleckman is implicated in the kidnaping of Edward G. Bremer.

The following description was provided by A. J. Hertz:

Name: LEON GLECKMAN  
Age: 40 years  
Height: 5 feet 8 inches  
Weight: 170 pounds  
Build: Chunky  
Hair: Dark brown  
Nationality: Jewish

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis.*  
*w.a.s.*

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division  
St. Paul

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U. S. Department of Justice

P.O.Box 515, St.Paul,Minn.

January 31, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S.Department of Justice,  
Washington,D.C.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM.  
○ KIDNAPING.  
St.Paul File No.7-30.

In the above captioned case, there are enclosed  
herewith the originals of miscellaneous letters received, to-  
gether with memoranda submitted by various agents of the St.  
Paul Division Office.

Very truly yours,

*Werner Hanni*

WERNER HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul, Minnesota  
January 31, 1954

MEMORANDUM TO S.A.C. WERNER HANKE:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BRENNAN, VICTIM  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-58.

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[REDACTED]

Very truly yours,

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JOHN E. BRENNAN.

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ADDENDUM:

[REDACTED]

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St. Paul, Minnesota,  
January 27, 1934.

MEMORANDUM TO S.A.C. WERNER HANNI:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-50.

Examination of Lincoln Sedan, bearing Minnesota State License B 74-619 for 1933, property of EDWARD G. BREMER, now being held at the McGee Garage in St. Paul, Minnesota, revealed that the front seat and upholstery of same had been drycleaned, whereby all bloodstains alleged to have been contained thereon had been removed.

OSCAR HYDAL, foreman of this garage, stated that the front seat had been taken to Sweeney's Clothes Cleaners, 115 West 7th Street, on January 19, 1934, by Frank Way, a mechanic of McGee's Garage, and the other upholstery, which was apparently stained with blood had been cleaned by Way and himself, all of which was done upon instructions of Mr. McGee. He stated that McGee did not want MR. ADOLPH BREMER to see the stains on this car.

At Sweeney's Clothes Cleaners, the writer was informed that an automobile seat had been cleaned on January 19, 1934, and what appeared to be blood stains had been removed; that no instructions had been given them to wash the stains out, whereby they might be preserved and analysis made, and it was not known until they were informed that the cleaning job was to be charged to McGee that this seat was from the BREMER car.

MR. H. M. SCHUBERT, bacteriologist, and director of the laboratory of the Department of Public Health, St. Paul, Minnesota, stated that he had made an examination of the BREMER car at McGee's Garage and found that stains on the upholstery had been removed by dry cleaning, although on the side of the cushion running to the floor, adjacent to the driver's seat, he found several streaks which, upon chemical examination, proved to be blood; that he also found a spot on the edge of the cushion leading to the floor, which, on chemical examination, proved to be blood. MR. SCHUBERT explained that due to the insufficient amount of blood available for chemical analysis, he was unable to determine whether or not it was human blood.

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Chief of Police Thomas E. Dahill, furnished photographs, taken by the St. Paul Police Department, of the above described car, on 1-18-34.

The photograph marked "A" shows blood stains on the seat adjacent to the driver's seat on the floor mat immediately beneath and spots on the upholstery of the right door.

The photograph marked "B" shows the same stains on the seat adjacent to the driver's seat, and several spots on the back of this seat.

The photograph marked "C", is taken from the driver's side of the floor seat and shows two marks which were found to be grease left from the extension cord used in making photographs.

The photographs marked "D", "E", "F", and "G", are photographs of the exterior of the car. The apparent smears shown in the photograph were made by fingerprint powder in the search for fingerprints. Chief Dahill stated that no fingerprints were found on the car.

Very truly yours,

J. E. BRENNAN, SPECIAL AGENT.

JEB:TC  
3-Division  
9-St. Paul

St. Paul, Minnesota.

January 29, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HARRY:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.

EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.

KIDNAPING.

St. Paul file No. 7-38.

Pursuant to your instructions, I interviewed ARTHUR PEDERSON, who had been arrested by Detectives CHARLES TIERNEY and TOM BROWN of the St. Paul Police Department at room 234, Majestic Hotel, Minneapolis, today.

PEDERSON telephoned WALTER MAGEE and stated he had some important information for him and that MAGEE should come to see him at the Majestic Hotel alone.

MAGEE did not inform the Police.

When first interviewed, PEDERSON stated that from 1927 to 1929 he was an inmate of the State Penitentiary at Waupun, Wisconsin, doing a two-to-five-year sentence for larceny. He stated that while there he made the acquaintance of a man whose name he can not recall, which person had prior to his commitment to Waupun served a sentence at Stillwater, Minnesota. PEDERSON stated that he (PEDERSON) was a trusty at Waupun.

He advised that last Thursday, he left Chicago by Greyhound bus for Minneapolis; that the bus was crowded and that there was but one vacant seat, which was also occupied by a girl named HARRIET TAYLOR of Park Rapids, Minnesota. PEDERSON stated that when he smoked, he did so at the rear of the bus and there met the ex-convict previously referred to, who was also riding to Minneapolis. He claimed he got into a conversation with this man, the substance of which was that this person was not working but was plenty busy and was proceeding to a place 50 miles north of Duluth without stopping over in Minneapolis.

The BREMER case was discussed and PEDERSON remarked that the kidnapers were asking a lot of money. A minute or so later, the ex-convict remarked that in a few days he would be in big money.

PEDERSON described this individual as 38 years of age, 5 feet 5 inches tall, 155 to 160 pounds, medium complexion, brown hair.

PEDERSON was questioned as to whether he had attempted to shake down MAGEE for expense money to locate a mythical person, but he denied that this was the case.

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After this interview, which was conducted by Chief of Police TOM DAHILL, Chief of Detectives CHARLES TIERNEY, Detective TOM BROWN, and agent PEDERSON was placed in the jail and his fingerprints and photograph were taken.

He was interviewed later on the same date and he then admitted the following:

Monday morning, after he had been reading the various newspaper stories about the BREMER kidnaping, he conceived the idea that if he could call MAGKE and induce MAGKE to come to the Majestic Hotel, PEDERSON might be able to convince MAGKE that he could assist in solving this kidnaping, thereby making it possible for him to secure a few dollars in advance and possibly a few more dollars from time to time as he was ostensibly working on the solution of the kidnaping. He admitted that he had no means whatever of solving the case and that he had no idea as to who had done the kidnaping, knew nothing about it, and in all probability would receive no information other than that reported in the newspapers. It was his impression that since the newspapers had repeatedly carried stories to the effect that the police and other officials had adopted a "hands off" policy, he could easily work this confidence game on MAGKE without police interference.

He stated that while he had ridden on the bus from Chicago to Minneapolis, as previously stated, the only person he spoke to on the bus was MISS HARRIET TAYLOR of Park Rapids, Minnesota, and had not spoken to an ex-convict as he had previously stated.

Concerning his past, he advised that he was born at Peshtigo, Wisconsin; that he has a wife and two children living at Merrill, Wisconsin, from which place he had been sent to Waupun for embezzling \$200 from the Shoe Department of a department store, this being in 1927. He advised that he has a brother, OTTO J. PEDERSON, railway engineer, residing in the 1700 block on Dayton Avenue in St. Paul. For about the past two years he has been living in New York City, being employed in the diet kitchen of the Metropolitan Hospital for over a year and residing at 434 East 84th Street, New York City. In that connection, a letter is being written to the New York City Division office to check on this last information. He has never resided in Chicago but has resided in Milwaukee and in Marinette, Wisconsin.

He attempted to justify the attempted extortion by stating he thought it would make the old man BREMER feel better if MAGKE had an ex-convict assisting him in the case. He freely admitted that he had no plans for solving the case and that his only connection with same would have been to obtain a few dollars from WALTER MAGKE on a pretext of being able to supply some information.



The Police are holding PEDERSON until the solution of this case.  
His photograph and fingerprints are available at any time.

Very truly yours,

G. S. HALL,  
Special Agent.

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3 - Division  
9 - St. Paul

St. Paul, Minnesota.

January 29, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HANKE.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file No. 7-30.

Relating to attached anonymous letter referring specifically to 666 Laurel, St. Paul, MRS. CATHERINE DALE, widow, who states she is the owner and occupant of this address, stated that she has resided there for many years and has rented rooms in her home to people known to her, notably FRED WINKEL, an employee of the Department of Public Works, St. Paul, but that she has no one living at her home who is from Chicago and has had no one living there from that city to her knowledge; that she has not recently rented any rooms, the most recent rental having been about four months ago. She also stated that there have been no visitors from Chicago at her home.

Very truly yours,

J. E. BRENNAN  
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.  
January 31, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. G. WERNER HANKE:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file 7-58.

With further reference to OTTO HELLMER, State Representative, whose residence is 1819 Fifth Avenue South, Minneapolis, and who, as my previous memorandum will show, claimed he received a ransom note in this case, which at the time of the last interview he was unable to find but promised to find in a few days, please be advised that today Special Agent R. G. Coulter and myself interviewed him at his residence. He stated he remembered both Agent Coulter and myself; that he is very ill; that he was expecting the doctor to visit him; that he was too weak to work or walk; and that his neighbor in this rooming house had been taken on the day before to Glen Lake Sanatorium and that his room and the whole house had been fumigated for tuberculosis. His room had considerable of the belongings of the person who was taken to the Glen Lake Sanatorium; hence, because of this confusion, his illness, etc., he was unable to find the alleged ransom note.

It is my recommendation that this spurious lead be abandoned.

Very truly yours,

O. G. HALL,  
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota

January 31, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. U. WENGER HANDEL

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD S. BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul, File No. 7-20.

On the evening of Monday, January 29th,

[redacted] had information which he believed might be of value in connection with the recent kidnappings in St. Paul but that [redacted] is not desirous of gaining any publicity in connection with the kidnappings and accordingly was withholding the information. I assured [redacted] that I could promise [redacted] that any information given by [redacted] to this Department would be held in strict confidence; [redacted] stated he would endeavor to arrange an interview for me with [redacted] which he did yesterday.

[redacted] stated that the information he had in mind had come to him through [redacted] so he requested [redacted] to furnish me with the story.

[redacted] that sometime during April, 1933, Colonel JACK MORANZ, registered at the St. Francis Hotel, stayed for several days and later returned with his two brothers ART and LOU MORANZ, HARRY KOHL, AL BACHOWITZ, also known as AL SACKS, and DOUGLAS BROWN; that COLONEL JACK MORANZ had some agreement with the Daily News, St. Paul, Minnesota, and during a period of some few weeks there appeared in the Daily News the picture of some prominent St. Paulite, together with information concerning his business, social standing, etc.; that it was somewhat in the nature of a personality contest; that it was his understanding that this Colonel JACK MORANZ received about \$50 from each person for whom a story was run in the paper; that at least, this was the information which Colonel MORANZ had conveyed to him; that it seemed quite strange to him that it was necessary for JACK MORANZ to have so many helpers in this enterprise; that it seemed as though he did all of the work himself and the others in this party merely stayed around the hotel gambling, drinking beer, and entertaining women, among whom were the BOSWELL sisters, and one of the men in the party claimed that he was engaged to one of these sisters; that the party had two automobiles, a 1931 or 1932 brewster green LaSalle with black fenders and a Cadillac; that they spent money very freely while at the hotel and it appeared strange to him that they were able to live in such high fashion when apparently the income of MORANZ was but approximately \$50 a day.

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[redacted] stated that the thing which aroused his curiosity most was the fact that one day while the group was standing in the lobby of the St. Francis Hotel near the cigar counter, either LOU or ART MORANZ stated that he had just interviewed one of St. Paul's big shots, WILLIAM HAMM, who had told him all about himself both from a social and a business standpoint and that this man related that he must be a very wealthy man; that someone in the group said it was a wonder someone had not taken HAMM for a kidnaping, and that a stranger in the group remarked that it would not be an easy task since WILLIAM HAMM's father was well known in underworld circles, had many connections, and it would be difficult for anyone to pull such a job without being detected; that one in the group in a most sarcastic manner remarked, "Oh yeah" and shortly afterwards the crowd dispersed. It is the belief of [redacted] that possibly the group above referred to were using the picture-taking and personality racket for the purpose of making entree into the homes and offices of St. Paul's leading citizens so that they could obtain information with reference to their financial standing, hobbies, connections, etc., which would be of value to them in the event they planned to kidnap any of the individuals.

The records of the St. Francis Hotel disclose that Colonel JACK MORANZ and wife registered in the St. Francis Hotel April 2, 1933, and checked out April 7th; that Colonel JACK MORANZ registered in again on April 9, 1933, and checked out May 26, 1933. When he registered on April 2nd, he indicated his address as some boulevard (unable to decipher handwriting), Youngstown, Ohio; and on April 9, 1933, he indicated his address as 8702 Sturtevant, Detroit, Michigan.

ART MORANZ, LOU MORANZ, HARRY KOHL, DOUGLAS BROWN, and AL BAKER checked in April 9th and checked out May 24, 1933, all registering from Detroit, Michigan.

[redacted] that when the party left the St. Francis Hotel, it was his understanding that several of them went to Winnipeg by train and others in the group motored to Winnipeg where they met these persons, and part of the group went south, destination unknown, by automobile.

[redacted] was unable to give any very definite descriptions of these men but stated that Colonel MORANZ was about 55 years of age, of medium height, and his brothers ART and LOU were between 25 and 30, also of medium height and stocky build; that Colonel MORANZ had black hair streaked with gray and had medium dark complexion; that the brothers ART and LOU had sandy complexions; that these men were very well dressed and always appeared to have plenty of money.

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He described HARRY KUEHL as being tall and thin, around 6 feet, with Roman nose, sharp features, black hair, and dark complexion. He could not give any description for AL SACKS but stated that this man received mail under the names of SACKS and SACKOWITZ.

[redacted] that the betting in the underworld is two to one that EDWARD BREMER will not be returned either dead or alive; that rumors have it that he has been knocked off because he was to have been a witness against some confidence man who obtained \$300,000 from a [redacted] by the name of [redacted] in some sort of a race horse deal; that he also had heard in the underworld circles that EDWARD BREMER had obtained something like \$400,000 in a similar deal and had been knocked off because of this.

[redacted] advised that in a recent conversation had by him with LEON GLECKMAN, local St. Paul underworld character, MR. GLECKMAN informed him that he had gone to MR. ADOLPH BREMER and offered him \$25,000 to assist him in raising the ransom money being demanded by the persons who kidnaped his son EDWARD BREMER.

[redacted] made mention of one C. A. VON SKIN alias WHITIE who he advised had been a permanent resident at the St. Francis Hotel for more than a year; that this man had been in the gambling racket and apparently had been making plenty of money; that on the afternoon of January 15th, this man checked out and at that time owed a bill of \$40; that he informed the house manager he was broke and was unable to pay the bill; that, however, the manager of the hotel managed to get \$10 from him, leaving a balance of \$30 unpaid; that VON SKIN stated he was going to Mankato but would return the following week, but to date, this man has not returned to the St. Francis Hotel. It is rumored that before leaving St. Paul, this man obtained quite a large sum of money from various gamblers in St. Paul. This man is described as being middle aged, about 5 feet 10 inches, 180 to 190 pounds, light hair, medium fair complexion, stoop shouldered and walks with a limp, and makes a good appearance.

In connection with this MR. VON SKIN, [redacted] advised that on the same date, one THOMAS J. FILBIN, St. Paul underworld character, who is in the slot machine racket, checked out; that FILBIN is considered to be a permanent guest at the St. Francis Hotel. Besides being in the slot machine racket, he deals in "hot" diamonds and automobiles and has his headquarters in Aberdeen, South Dakota.

It is the opinion of [redacted] that possibly MR. FILM [redacted] specifically requested this room so that he might be in a position to over-  
hear any possible conversation concerning the BREMER kidnapping since he no  
doubt has knowledge that the BREMER and the BENZ families are closely related;  
that THOMAS FILM [redacted] could very easily be connected with the BREMER kidnapping.

[redacted] expressed the opinion that one ABE GINSBERG, an under-  
world character in Minneapolis, should be overlooked in this case; that it  
seems as though this man appears on the scene whenever any crime of some-  
quence is committed in the Twin Cities; that one EDNA SWENSON, a lady who  
lives in the house next to the one in which ABE GINSBERG owns in Minneapolis,  
can give much information concerning the activities of ABE GINSBERG if she  
is willing to talk. He stated that this MISS SWENSON lives on the same street  
on which Governor OLSON resides.

Last night a telegram was forwarded to the Detroit office requesting  
that they discreetly ascertain the identity, occupation, family connections,  
business, associates, etc., with reference to Colonel JACK MORANZ, 2708  
Sturtevant, Detroit.

Very truly yours,

R. L. HALLS,  
Special Agent.

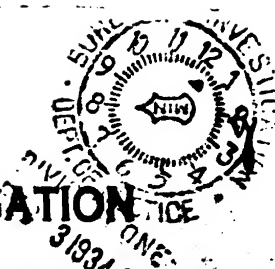
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idents have been pulled  
on persons named here  
& their prints are being com-  
pared with latents none  
however have been positively  
identified. S.M.

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why not inquire re St Paul  
Col. Moran at the  
Daily News? J.M.



# UNITED STATES BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION



Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

ST. PAUL, MINN.

REPORT MADE AT DALLAS, TEXAS.	DATE WHEN MADE 2-21-34	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE 1-29-34	REPORT MADE BY C. B. WENSTAD.
TITLE UNKNOWN SUBJECTS. EDWARD G. BREMER (Victim)		CHARACTER OF CASE KIDNAPING	

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Paula Harmon married Boyle Benton in July 1932 at Lake Charles, La. Subsequently, in 1932 and up to May or June 1933 lived at Beaumont, Texas with her former husband Dennis Woods and also with Theo Riley. Operated bootleg joint. Left Beaumont in May or June for Chicago. May now be in Chicago or Kansas City. Her mother and acquaintances deny knowledge of her whereabouts since she left Beaumont.

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**REFERENCE:** Telegram St. Paul Division Office to Dallas Division Office, dated January 27, 1934, and letter Dallas Division Office dated January 30 to New Orleans Division Office.

**DETAILS:**

It was ascertained at Beaumont, Texas, that Paula Harmon had lived at 994 Center Street with one Theo Riley, a burglar and bootlegger. Theo Riley now is staying in Galveston, Texas but was in Beaumont on January 29, 1934, and upon being located and interviewed stated that he and Paula Harmon lived together for about nine months where they operated a bootlegging establishment on Center Street, Beaumont; that Paula Harmon left Beaumont about a month, as near as he can recall, before he read in the papers of the massacre of officers in Kansas City; that when he took up with her, she had about \$2000.00, obtained as a result of an automobile accident in which she was injured in Louisiana, and that he spent most of that for her and in addition thereto wrecked her Buick automobile two or three different times; that she went to Chicago on one trip for the purpose of having her nose operated on as there is a noticeable scar across

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the bridge of her nose and that her cheek bones are sunken as a result of the automobile accident; that when she left Beaumont she did not take all of her belongings with her and after she had gone he took them to the home of Velma Turk who was a very close friend to Paula Harmon, and that he would furnish Agent with a photograph of Paula Harmon, which would be an old one, as he does not believe she ever had any photographs taken of herself after the automobile accident. He stated that her first husband, Dennis Woods of Port Arthur, Texas, might know something about Paula's whereabouts.

Later in the day Theo Riley left a photograph of Paula Harmon at the Police Station for Agent, and this photograph, which evidently is an old one, is submitted herewith to the St. Paul Division Office.

Theo Riley claimed that he took Paula Harmon to the air field when she left Beaumont the first time, and she went to Chicago by airplane; that he never received a letter from her after she left but she was only gone about a week and returned and then left a second time and said she was going back to Chicago; that he heard from her once or twice by long distance telephone after she left Beaumont the second time; that she merely called him up and asked him if he was getting along all right and whether or not he needed any money, and on one occasion she sent him \$50.00 by mail; that he has tried to find her address since then but has never been able to ascertain where she is.

Mrs. Velma Turk, who resides at 2540 Magnolia Avenue, Beaumont, Texas, stated that she has known Paula Harmon for a number of years and that Paula and her former husband, Charlie Harmon, who was killed in a bank robbery at Menomonee, Wis., or Duluth, Minn., she could not recall which, had at one time lived with her (Mrs. Turk) prior to Charlie's death; that she had known Harmon and his family all her life as they were all reared around Nabodoches, Texas; that at the time Paula Harmon left Beaumont she called her up and asked her to come over to her house and that she and her husband, Mr. Turk, went over to see Paula Harmon one night and Paula told her she was leaving for Chicago, and as her mother was then living in Georgia she would be writing to her and she desired that Mrs. Turk forward her mother's letters to her and that after her arrival in Chicago she would furnish Mrs. Turk her address there for this purpose, but that no letters ever came for Paula nor did Paula ever send her an address in Chicago; that just before Christmas Paula's mother, Mrs. Brannon, who now resides in Port Arthur, Texas, came to see her and asked her if she could give her Paula's address; that she was unable to do so.

Levi Delotti, a pool hall operator at Beaumont, Texas, where Theo Riley hangs out, stated that he knew Paula Harmon while she was living with Theo Riley and that she was around his place some with Theo while both were drunk when they were living together, but he has never heard where she went when she left Beaumont and all he knows is that Paula left Theo Riley and that Riley has



tried frantically to find where she is; that a magazine is delivered to the pool hall addressed to Paula Harmon regularly, as also are bills from the printing company but that he has no forwarding address and, therefore, just destroys the letters and magazines.

Lena Lee Landry, 1007 DeQueen Blvd., Port Arthur, Texas, was interviewed but very little information could be obtained from her as she is not very intelligent. She stated that she saw Paula Harmon about three months ago in Port Arthur with her former husband Dennis Woods. This information, however, is discounted as Dennis Woods is living with another girl at this time known to the police at both Beaumont and Port Arthur, Texas.

Dennis Woods at Port Arthur, Texas, was interviewed and stated that all he knows about Paula's present whereabouts is that she told Theo Riley and Mrs. Turk that she was going to Chicago; that she has, to his knowledge, lived around Chicago some, especially when Charlie Harmon was alive; that she also has lived around Kansas City and that she may now be in Kansas City or Chicago; that he has neither seen nor heard from her since she left Theo Riley and wants, apparently, to Chicago.

Mrs. D. B. (Annie) Brannon, 1007 DeQueen Blvd., Port Arthur, Texas, was interviewed and stated that if she knew Paula's address she would not hesitate to furnish same to Agent, but that she positively has no idea where Paula now is; that when Paula left Beaumont she (Mrs. Brannon) was living in Georgia, and about nine months ago she had a letter from Paula which was mailed on a train some place in Kansas, and that she has not heard from her since that time.

The Identification Bureau Records at both Port Arthur and Beaumont, Texas, were checked for photograph of Paula Harmon, but she has never been photographed or fingerprinted as far as could be determined.

The last address at the Post Office at Beaumont, Texas, for Paula Harmon, was 994 Center Street, and Levi Deloti's Pool Hall.

Roney Etie, 795 Harrison Street, Beaumont, Texas, a bootlegger and friend of Theo Riley, stated that he knew Paula Harmon when she was living with Theo but he knows that Theo Riley does not know where she is or he would have gone to her; that he understood Theo took a trip to Chicago trying to find Paula.

Mrs. Turk, 2540 Magnolia Avenue, Beaumont, Texas, was again interviewed and stated that she went with Paula Harmon and a tramp by the name of Doyle Benton, in July 1932 just after she got her money from the insurance company as a result of the automobile accident, to Lake Charles, Louisiana, where Paula and Doyle were married; that she witnessed the marriage ceremony and signed the certificate as a witness; that she believes this ceremony was performed by Minister Oliver of Lake Charles; that Charles Harmon's sisters live in Houston, Texas; one Mrs. Ruth Larson lives on North Boulevard; her husband works for the Humble Oil Company. Another, Mrs. Phillip (Mora) Maubar, address 1614 Walker Street, Apartment #5, Houston, Texas. These sisters were friendly with Paula Harmon and may hear from her; that another sister Mrs. J. A. Bryan, whose husband is a barber, and another sister Mrs. Marvin Treadwell, lives on Chartres Street in Houston, but she does not know their exact addresses; they were not so friendly with Paula; that Mr. Charlie Face and his wife Frances Face may know the whereabouts of Paula Harmon, but aside from the fact that they reside in Houston and Face was formerly a car salesman for the Ford Agency there, their whereabouts are unknown.

Jesse Hamilton, Deputy County Court Clerk, Beaumont, Texas, brother-in-law to Paula Harmon, stated that in his opinion none of the family know Paula's present whereabouts and that he is satisfied that his mother-in-law, Mrs. Brannon, would not tell him or anyone else if she knew.

At Mrs. Turk's place Agent obtained permission to look through the effects still in her possession which belong to Paula Harmon, but nothing was found therein of value in this matter except possibly a photograph of some unknown lady which was in a photographer's paper folder bearing the address 541 Diversey Parkway, Chicago; also the cover of a memorandum book with addresses and names of what appeared to be telephone numbers written thereon. The following names appear:

Lydia Johnson, Ken-2082  
 Callie - Douglas 0869  
 Buckham 6223  
 Madline Dumsick 9810  
 Drexal 7187  
 Sue Gordon - Buck 1430  
 Drug - Buck 4100  
 Sophie - 4268  
 L.V. 3268

It is not known what these names and phone numbers refer to, but they are being forwarded to the St. Paul Division Office together with the memorandum book referred to, for whatever value they may have.

The photograph of the lady referred to as having been taken by Lothar at Chicago, is submitted herewith to the Chicago Office in an effort to have it identified, as she probably is some friend of Paula Harmon's.

It will be noted that Paula Harmon was born on the following

Paula Woods  
Paula Harmon  
Paula Harmon  
Mrs. Charles Preston Harmon  
Mrs. Theo Wiley or Mrs. Dennis Woods

UNDEVELOPED LEADS:

The whereabouts of Paula is desired by the St. Paul Division Office, and information as to her whereabouts particularly on January 17, 1934 is desired.

PENDING.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

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January 31, 1934

MR. NATHAN .....  
MR. TOLSON .....  
MR. CLEGG .....  
MR. COWLEY .....  
MR. EDWARDS .....  
MR. Egan .....  
MR. QUINN .....  
MR. LESTER .....  
MR. LOCKE .....  
MR. RORER .....

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

Reference is made to the attached letter from the St. Paul Office dated January 28, 1934, in connection with the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim. There were transmitted with the reference letter ten anonymous, crank and information letters which are listed below for record purposes.

They will be examined in the Laboratory to determine whether the handwriting or typewriting in any of them is similar to the handwriting of Edward G. Bremer or to the handwriting or typewriting in any other matters received in regard to this case to date. Unless otherwise instructed no fingerprint examination is being made.

1. Letter postmarked Washington, D. C., Jan. 25, 1934, addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer and signed "E. Haydon Cozell".
2. Letter postmarked New York, N.Y., Jan. 24, 1934, addressed to Mrs. Edward G. Bremer and signed "Edward Chester Kedgemen".
3. Anonymous letter postmarked New York, N.Y., Jan. 23, 1934, addressed to Mr. Walter McGee and signed "An Servant of God", the first sentence of which reads "In the presence of the Almighty God our Father \* \* \*".
4. Letter (air mail) postmarked Springfield Gardens, N.Y., Jan. 26, 1934, addressed to "Postmaster W. C. Robertson, Minneapolis, Minn." and signed "Gino Tirelli".
5. Registered letter postmarked New York, N.Y., Jan. 25, 1934, addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer and signed "Cosimo Culiatti".
6. Letter postmark illegible, dated Jan. 24, 1934, Willard, O., addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer and signed "E. A. Carpenter".
7. Anonymous letter postmarked Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 25, 1934, addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer, the first sentence of which reads "Undecided if I am doing right by informing you of this for it may have no connection whatsoever \* \* \*" and signed "Ask for Anne".
8. Letter dated 20-34 Webster, addressed to Mr. Werner Hanni and signed "Johanna Krin". (No envelope attached)

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9. Special delivery, anonymous letter postmarked Saint Paul, Minn. Jan. 27, 1934, addressed to Miss Louisa Bremer and signed "From a Spirit", the first sentence of which reads "To Father, Sisters brother Wife and Daughter of Mr. E. Bremer. I Deeply symptatice with his relations. I am little of spirit \* \* \*".
10. Special delivery letter postmarked Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 24, 1934, addressed to Dr. H. T. Hippert, written by means of pin perforations, which begins "Strong light this is your last chance to meny police". (Anonymous)

Respectfully,

*E. P. Coffey*  
E. P. Coffey



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Suite 1  
Federal Building,  
Kansas City, Missouri.  
January 27, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted herewith the original of a typewritten letter received at this office from Mr. S. M. Need, 609 South Florence Avenue, Springfield, Missouri, dated January 26, 1934, together with the original letter transmitted by Mr. Need, which letter is written in longhand, purportedly by one Roy O. White. The news clipping which Mr. Need enclosed with the letter, which contains a copy of one of the notes sent in the Bremer case is likewise transmitted herewith.

All of the above mentioned is transmitted for whatever assistance it may be to you in connection with the above captioned case.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPAR, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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1-26-34

Mr. C. H. Varley  
Chief of Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Kansas City, Mo.

Dear Sir: (In explanation of the enclosed letter)

Roy O. White (author of letter) came to Springfield, Mo. in the winter of late 32 or early 33. I became acquainted with him and, borrowed money which, we used to establish the above business. (the business is now defunct.)

Upon Whites insistence that, his wife owned a large share of her brothers farm, near Barret, Minnesota. I borrowed more money and, took he and his family to Barret, for the purpose of converting Mrs. Whites share of the farm into cash, to finance the business.

After remaining a few days with the relatives, White suggested that, he and I return to Kansas City, and sell some hand painted menu boards, while his wife was selling her property.

In Kansas City, I left White and, returned to Springfield, to look after the business which was in bad shape and, within a few days, on May 19th. I received the enclosed letter from White. Thus ended my connection with White.

In case White proves to be your man, I will furnish as much information as possible. White has two brother-in-laws residing on farms about 9 miles from Barret, Minnesota. one Pete Kohn and Andrew Kohn, White also has a very good friend at Baron, Wisconsin, by the name of Ray Higenmeister.

White while in Springfield, preached several sermons and seemed to be quite an evangelist around Barret, which may account for the kidnaper message being written on the Union City Mission letterhead.

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White is about 40 yrs. of age, is about 5 ft. 7" tall, weight about 175 lbs. is rather wide between the eyes and, has a tremendous crop of brown hair, will probably be dressed in high top boots and olive drab riding pants  
Wishing You luck Yours Truly (Signed) [REDACTED]  
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MEMORANDUM FOR S.A.C. WARNER HANNI:

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim;  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file 7-50

A letter dated January 27, 1934, written to ADOLPH BREMER by Sylvester Urbany, Carroll, Iowa, was turned over to this office by MR. BREMER. This letter sets out information that MR. URBANY is proprietor of the Commercial Hotel, Carroll, Iowa, and that a party stayed at that hotel on January 25, 1934, and registered as JACK RAY of St. Paul, Minnesota; that MR. URBANY's daughter compared the handwriting on the register of this party with that of the note written to the BREMER family shortly after the kidnaping signed, "One of the Gang", and advising that BREMER was dead and his body was in the vicinity of Ancker, Minnesota. The letter also states that during this party's absence from the hotel, MR. URBANY's daughter inspected the room and found a blood stained shirt, also a blood stained hat lining and kid gloves. The register sheet covering the date of January 25, 1934, was forwarded with this letter and photostatic copies have been made.

At the Commercial Hotel, Carroll, Iowa, MRS. FRANK J. BUCKHEIT was interviewed. She is the daughter of SYLVESTER URBANY and her husband is the brother of FRANK BUCKHEIT, Sheriff of Carroll County. On the night of January 25, 1934, she stated that two men came to this hotel and looked at the rooms and decided the location and the rooms were just what they wanted so they went outside and then sent in a party who registered as "JACK RAY, St. Paul, Minn." She assigned him to room 12, but when he got to the room and noted that the lock was broken on the door he insisted on having a room, which could be locked at all times and stated he wanted no maid to enter the room during his absence. He was, therefore, assigned to room 11. MRS. BUCKHEIT observed the license number on the car which she was driving, a green coupe, same being B112-970, Minnesota 1933. (This number was checked through the Motor Vehicle Department by S.A.C. Hanni and was determined that same was issued for a Hudson Coupe, motor number 8447, licensed to C. F. REDLICK COMPANY, 305 Lincoln Building, Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Minneapolis Directory shows CHARLES F. REDLICK to reside at 16 South 4th Street, which address is the Russell Hotel.) MRS. BUCKHEIT advised that she called the Sheriff shortly after this registration by the party giving the name of "RAY", and he also compared it with the handwriting on the note above referred to, this being available from a newspaper she had saved wherein this note had been printed. The Sheriff was of the opinion that the handwriting was similar so requested her to call him the next day when this party got up. She called the Sheriff and as soon as this party left the hotel, the Sheriff accosted him on the street. She stated that as soon as this party left the hotel, she went up stairs and made an inspection of the room and opened this man's suit case and found therein

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After following RAY a short ways from the hotel, the Sheriff stopped him for questioning and recognized him as the same party who had been in Garrell two or three weeks ago. He then went to RAY's room with him and examined his suit case and found only what has previously been stated by MRS. FRANK J. BUCHHEIT. When they came down from this room the narcotic agent ELIZZARD and also another narcotic agent, both of whom presented credentials, stated that they had picked RAY up in Omaha and that he was working for them as a "steal pigeon". RAY, at the time, explained to the Sheriff that the various blood stains were caused by injection of the dope in his arms with needles.

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Sheriff BUCHHEIT describes RAY as follows:

Age: 35 to 40 years  
Height: 5 feet 6 inches  
Weight: 150 to 160 pounds  
Eyes: Dark brown  
Hair: Dark brown  
Dark complexioned  
Dope fiend

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At the Burke Hotel under date of January 25, 1934, Agent found the register of H. E. ANDERSON of Minneapolis, assigned to room 323, and H. E. BRADLEY, Des Moines, the same date immediately following ANDERSON's registration assigned to room 310. F. A. BENTLEY, Clerk, at the Burke Hotel, stated that he knew ELIZZARD, who had been there before and knew ELIZZARD had registered as BRADLEY, and further saw ELIZZARD send out official mail from that hotel under the name of ELIZZARD. BENTLEY also understood ELIZZARD was a Narcotic Agent. S. A. C. Mann called the Narcotic office in Minneapolis and determined that Agent ANDERSON of that office had been in Carroll, Iowa and vicinity on January 25, 1934.

Very truly yours,

R. T. Noonan, Special Agent.

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*Edward S. Bremer*

Mr. Warner Hanni,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
203 Post Office Bldg.,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

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U S Department of Justice  
801 Title Guaranty  
St. Louis Missouri

CHECK OWNERSHIP MISSOURI NINETEEN THREE THREE LICENSE TWO NINE THREE SIX FIVE BELIEVED ISSUED TO CHESTER L BYRON ROUTE THREE REDS JASPER COUNTY FOR MODEL T FORD SEDAN ASCERTAIN WHETHER LICENSE STILL IN HIS POSSESSION

Off. Bus. Govt. Bldg.  
Chg. Div. of Inv., U.S. Dept. of Justice,  
803 P.O. Bldg., St. Paul, Minn.  
CC Division  
CC St. Louis

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Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS

EDWARD G. BREMER Victim 1934 A.M.  
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E. E. CONROY  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
SUITE L, FEDERAL BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI

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*Edward B. Bruner*

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January 27, 1934

*W*  
F. J. Blake,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas

(DECODE)

*W. J. G.* **PREMIER KIDNAPING ENDEAVOR ASCERTAIN WHEREABOUTS PAULA HARMON SECURE PHOTOGRAPH PARTICULARLY ESTABLISHING WHEREABOUTS JANUARY SEVENTEEN FURNISH STPAUL COPY YOUR REPORT INVESTIGATION BY AGENT WINESTRAD REFERENCE A CARTER STOP BLAKE SUGGESTS WINESTRAD BE ASSIGNED THIS INVESTIGATION**

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WERNER MANNI  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
203 POST OFFICE BUILDING  
ST. PAUL MINNESOTA

YOUR WIRE TO ST. LOUIS OFFICE NINETEEN THIRTY THREE MISSOURI LICENSE TWENTY NINE THREE SIX FIVE FOR PASSENGER CAR ISSUED FEBRUARY THIRTEENTH LAST TO ROSE BRUEGGEMANN THIRTY EIGHT NINETEEN A HARTFORD STREET ST. LOUIS MISSOURI FOR OLDSMOBILE SEDAN MOTOR E SIXTY THIRTY ST. LOUIS IS REQUESTED CHECK SAME LICENSE NUMBER FOR TRUCK ISSUED C E MALAN ST. JOSEPH MISSOURI FORD TRUCK MOTOR A THIRTEEN NINE ELEVEN FIFTEEN STOP NO LICENSE RECORDED FOR CHESTER L. BYRON REEDS JASPER COUNTY MISSOURI STOP CHECKING ON BYRON STOP ADVISE ANY FURTHER INVESTIGATION DESIRED

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J B HANSON  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U S DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
201 LIBERTY NATIONAL LIFE BUILDING?  
BIRMINGHAM ALABAMA

EDWARD G BREMER KIDNAPING SECURE FROM MEMPHIS POLICE AND FORWARD AIRMAIL PHOTOGRAPHS  
AND ALL AVAILABLE WRITING SPECIMENS OF PERSONS ARRESTED THERE MAY TWO SEVEN  
NINETEEN TWO SIX POSSIBLY FUGITIVE CHARGE IN CASE INVOLVING FRED BARKER ARRESTED  
FOLLOWING DAY AT LITTLE ROCK AT REQUEST OF MEMPHIS INSPECTOR DETECTIVES

HANX

OFF. BUS. GOV'T. RATE  
CHG DIV. OF INV. U.S. DEPT OF JUSTICE  
203 P. O. BLDG. ST. PAUL.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.

January 31, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HANKE:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file No. 7-25.

On January 31, 1934, ALBERT LEE, a member of the Wisconsin State Conservation Commission, usually referred to as a Game Warden, with headquarters at Luck, Wisconsin, reported that on January 25, 1934, about 1:00 p.m., he was in a restaurant at Amery, Wisconsin, and overheard a conversation. A party was in a booth and another party came in and greeted this person as "BILL"; the party coming in being greeted as "JOE", both being strangers in the town of Amery. The party referred to as "BILL" asked during their conversation what he thought about the BREMER case, to which the party called "JOE" stated that it was not what he thought but what he knew that counted; that the police and the Federal agents were "barking up the wrong tree; that they should watch MACKER". This party was heard to say that MACKER and BREMER had made a trip to Chicago just before the kidnaping and that they had both been gambling considerably and and they lost money and BREMER failed to make good on I.O.U's. That was about all the conversation that MR. LEE overheard.

The party known as "JOE" left the restaurant and went to a pool hall, staying only a few minutes, then entered a drug store, came out with a magazine, returned to the hotel and read the magazine for a short time before taking a brief bag and boarding the train shortly after 2:00 p.m., going west. MR. LEE observed the movements of this party during that time. He described the party named "JOE" as follows: Age, 45 years; weight, 190 to 200 pounds; height, 5 feet 8 or 9 inches; dark brown eyes; dark hair streaked with gray; prominent Italian features; well dressed; carried no luggage except a brief case.

The party referred to as "BILL" is described as follows: Age, 40 years; weight, 170 pounds; height, 5 feet 6 or 7 inches; ruddy complexion; were light gray hat and brown overcoat.

This information is submitted for whatever purpose it might serve.

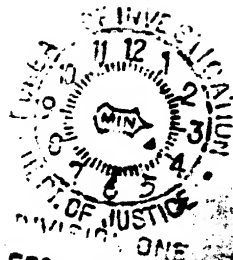
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R. T. MOONAN, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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January 31, 1934

MEMORANDUM FOR S.A.C. WERNER HANAU

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim  
KIDNAPING  
St. Paul File No. 7-80

[REDACTED]

On this date, Agent interviewed [REDACTED] at her office. She was much concerned lest what she told might not be treated confidentially, but was assured that such would be the case.

She stated [REDACTED] that about two weeks ago, she cannot say whether on Thursday or Friday, a man 'phoned her office during her absence but would not leave his name nor telephone number, as is customary with persons 'phoning her office when she is out.

On the Friday after the Kidnaping of MR. BREMER, a man called just at 5:00 P. M. and wanted to see her immediately, in fact he said he must see her. She stated that it is her custom to take a bus at 6:00 o'clock on Friday afternoons to her mother's home in Wisconsin, and not caring to miss the bus, she asked the nature of the business and the man said [REDACTED] as it was very important.

[REDACTED] she told him that he would have to see her the following Monday at 8:30 P.M. as she was preparing to leave town and could not change her plans. She said that she had not heard from him since that time and did not expect to hear.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] says that it occurred to her that the man 'phoning to her might have been endeavoring to contact her in order that she might act

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as intermediary but said that there was no reason why she should do so as she had never had dealings with any of the BREMERS.

She has no idea as to the identity of the man, nor does she expect that he will again communicate with her.

F. J. BLAKE,  
Special Agent in Charge.

FJB:RWM  
S Division  
9 St. Paul



420 Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

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January 29, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: Unknown Subjects.  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim.  
KIDNAPPING.

Dear Sir:-

Pursuant to telegraphic request by you on 1/27/34, I am transmitting herewith two copies of report of Special Agent C.B. Winstead in the case of Vernon C. Miller (deceased); et al - Obstruction of Justice, pertaining to the investigation of A. CARTER.

Detective Ed Weatherford of Fort Worth, Texas, has advised this office that ALFRED THOMAS BLAKE, EDWARD BENTZ, EDDIE DOLL, alias EDWARD LARUE, and possibly BERNARD PHILLIPS, might be in on the Edward G. Bremer kidnapping case.

Detective Weatherford stated that Blake, who escaped from jail at Winnipeg, Canada, is a running-mate of George Kelly, Albert Bates and Verne Miller; and through a grapevine source in a previous conversation with Kathryn Kelly the names of Blake, Doll, Bates and Phillips were mentioned as planning bank robberies and kidnappings at St. Paul - and if so, the victim would be taken to one of the cottages on the lake (which lake was not known) near St. Paul.

I am attaching hereto fingerprint classification card and description of Alfred Thomas Blake. A photograph cannot be secured at this time; however, efforts are being made and it will be transmitted to your office if secured.

Detective Weatherford, through his under-world connections, has learned that the men named in this letter have formed a new gang since the breakup of the old gang headed by Frank Nash. Special Agent in Charge Blake will be able to give you any information required relative to the value of the information submitted by Weatherford.

Very truly yours,

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D.L. McCormack, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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801 Title Guaranty Bldg.  
Saint Louis, Missouri  
January 31, 1934



Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
803 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

In Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
Edward G. Bremer, Victim,  
Kidnaping.

Dear Sir:

Upon receipt of your telegram dated January 29, 1934, concerning the ownership of Missouri 1933 license No. 29365, believed issued to Chester L. Byron, Route 8, Reda, Jasper County, Missouri, for model T Ford Sedan, please be advised in confirmation of my wire dated January 29, 1934 to you that the Kansas City Division Office ascertained that the above noted license plates were issued to Rose Brueggemann, 3819a Hartford Street, St. Louis, Missouri, on February 13, 1933, for an Oldsmobile Sedan, motor No. H-6013.

Special Agent B. L. Dameron, of this office, on the evening of January 29, 1934, ascertained from the Auto Theft Bureau of the Metropolitan Police Department at St. Louis, Missouri that the license referred to above had been issued to the individual noted.

The current city directory verified the address of Mrs. Rose Brueggemann at 3819a Hartford Street, St. Louis, Missouri, it being further developed that the first floor at this address is occupied by one John D. Edwards, a city employee.

Inquiry of the desk sergeant and detectives of the Seventh District Police Station at 2800 South Grand Blvd., St. Louis, by Special Agent Dameron, was without results as to the identity of the Brueggemann family.

Mr. and Mrs. John D. Edwards, 3819 Hartford Street, advised Agent Dameron that Mrs. Rose Brueggemann is their landlady; that she is a widow and the mother of one daughter; that she has a good reputation and has been under a doctor's care for several weeks, and therefore confined to her home; however, that Mrs. Brueggemann is the owner of a 1929 model Oldsmobile Sedan, and has taken no recent trips in this car.

Mrs. Brueggemann was then interviewed by Agent Dameron, and permitted an examination of her automobile, which disclosed that 1933 Missouri license No. 29365 was attached to both the front and rear license plate holders of the car. She verified the information provided.

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by Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, and stated that the automobile and license plates had been in her possession continuously from the date the license plates were issued to her, and that she had never driven to Minnesota in this car.

Reference is also made to the letter emanating from the St. Paul Office under date of January 28, 1934, in the instant case, requesting an examination of any written documents of subjects at large, particularly such who might be involved with any notorious gang or in kidnaping cases, and that these written instruments be examined for incorrect spelling and for the guidance of this office attention was called to numerous misspelled words which apparently appeared in the ransom notes received by members of the Bremer family.

An examination of all kidnaping and extortion cases in this office was made, and all ransom notes or other communications involved therein were examined closely for misspelled words similar to those set forth in the reference letter, without affirmative results.

Very truly yours,

F. F. YEARSLEY, Acting,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Kansas City  
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U. S. Department of Justice  
318 Hewes Building  
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St. Paul, Minnesota  
January 31, 1934.

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RE BREMER . CASE STPAUL POLICE ADVISE MRS S S RITCHIE REPORTED TO SANFRANCISCO  
POLICE YESTERDAY SHE ADDRESSED LETTER FOR STRANGER TO ADOLPH BREMER CONTACT POLICE  
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NINETEEN THIRTY ONE TO JANUARY FOURTH NINETEEN THIRTY TWO AS HOSPITAL HELPER  
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Mr. Larson,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
625 Lafayette Building,  
Detroit, Michigan.

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DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA

SAN FRANCISCO OFFICE WIRE QUOTE: BREMER CASE MRS RITCHIE LEFT HOTEL UNABLE LOCATE  
HER YET CLAIMS UNKNOWN MAN HAD HER ADDRESS LETTER TO ST PAUL PER YOUR WIRE YESTERDAY  
CLAIMING MAN STATED HE WAS ILLITERATE DESCRIBED ABOUT FORTY YEARS SIX FEET TALL  
HUNDRED SEVENTY POUNDS MEDIUM DARK WITH FOREIGN ACCENT EITHER FRENCH OR ITALIAN  
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BUT WILL SECURE FULL DETAILS FROM RITCHIE AND WILL WIRE LATER IF IMPORTANT SIGNED  
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cc San Francisco

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SUITE 1 - FEDERAL BUILDING  
KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.  
JANUARY 31, 1934.



Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

This will confirm telegram from this office dated January 29, 1934 relative to 1933 Missouri license plates 29-345, which you indicated in your wire to St. Louis on January 29th as having possibly been issued to Chester L. Byron, Route 3, Reeds, Jasper County, Missouri for model "T" Ford Sedan.

Through telephonic communication with the Secretary of State's Office, Jefferson City, Missouri, Special Agent W. F. Trainor was advised that 1933 Missouri license plates 29-345 for a passenger car had been issued February 13, 1933 to Rose Brueggemann, 3819 "A" Hartford Street, St. Louis, Missouri on an Oldsmobile Sedan, motor number E-8013. The truck license of that number was issued to C. E. Malan, of St. Joseph, Missouri on a Ford truck bearing motor number A-1391115. Agent Trainor was advised that there was no record of any license having been issued to Chester L. Byron (note spelling of surname; same as St. Louis wire) Reeds, Jasper County, Missouri.

Special Agent M. D. Bray located Chester L. Bryon (not Byron) who now resides at Route 1, Sareoxie, Missouri, and is employed with the Carthage Bed Springs Company, Carthage, Missouri. Mr. Bryon, who has a good reputation in the communities where he resides and where he is employed, advised that 1933 Missouri license plates 29-3454 have been issued to him on his model "T" Ford bearing motor number 14389234. Mr. Bryon still has these license plates in his possession on the above mentioned car. Agent Bray also learned during his investigation that Mr. Bryon had not been away from the community, where he presently resides and works, recently.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR  
ACTING SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE  
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P.O.Box 815, St. Paul, Minn.

January 31, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P.O.Box 1276,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

In the above matter, I return to you herewith two letters written by VOLNEY DAVIS and copy of parole report of DOCK BARKER, which were obtained by Special Agent J.F. Perkins from the warden of the State Penitentiary at McAllister, Oklahoma, these having served their purpose here. They are being transmitted to you for forwarding to the warden at McAllister, Oklahoma.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM HANNI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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420 Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

January 30, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
325 Post Office Bldg.,  
New Orleans, La.

RE: Unknown Subjects.  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:-

The St. Paul Division office has requested this office to locate one PAULA HARMON, who formerly resided in Beaumont, Texas. Our investigation at Beaumont indicates that Paula Harmon left there in May or June, 1933 for Chicago. In June or July, 1932 she married one DOYLE BRINTON at Lake Charles, La.; her first husband was DENNIS WOOD. Since her last marriage she has lived with Dennis Wood and THEO RILKY. The purpose of her trip to Chicago was to have an operation on her nose, which was disfigured in an automobile accident in Louisiana sometime in 1931. She has not been heard from in Beaumont since her departure in May or June, 1933. Mr. Hardin, an attorney with the firm of Pugio, Bell & Hardin, Lake Charles, La., represented Paula Harmon in a suit against a surety company in connection with her accident. It is believed that possibly information might be obtained from Mr. Hardin which would reveal the present whereabouts of Paula Harmon.

It was further learned that Paula Harmon's face was so disfigured in the automobile accident that she could not be now recognized; however, photographs were taken for her attorneys in Lake Charles, La., and if possible one should be secured showing her present appearance. The St. Paul office desires especially to ascertain Paula Harmon's whereabouts on 1/19/34, and it is requested that your investigation be expedited - furnishing such information as is obtained direct to the St. Paul office.

DESCRIPTION

Name	Paula Harmon
Age	32 yrs.
Ht.	5 ft. 2 in.
Wt.	90 lbs.
Hair	Auburn; bobbed
Scar	Across bridge of nose
Cheek bones	sunken

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Very truly yours,

D.L. McCormack, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

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420 Post Office Building,  
Dallas, Texas.

January 20, 1934



Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
203 Post Office Bldg.,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

RE: Unknown Subjects,  
Edward C. Bremer - Victim,  
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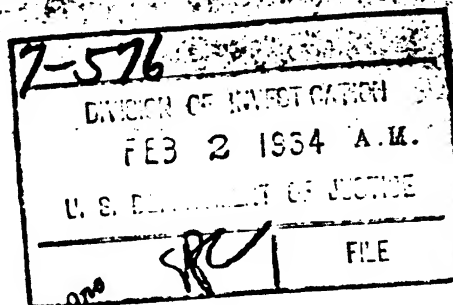
With reference to letter from this office dated  
January 29, 1933 concerning ALFRED THOMAS BLAKE:

I am transmitting herewith 3 photographs of Blake,  
secured from the Dallas Police Department.

Very truly yours,

D.L. McCormack, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division  
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St. Paul, Minnesota, Pa  
January 31, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HARRY:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. MURDER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file No. 7-80

CHARLES H. LEIB, giving address of 1804 Harmon Place, Minneapolis, Minnesota, telephone Main 0971, called at this office on January 31, 1934, stating that it may be well in this case to bear in mind certain parties who were reputed to be payroll bandits. MR. LEIB had little information concerning these parties but claimed that what he knew had been obtained from a waitress in a restaurant at 831 Hennepin Avenue, Minneapolis, who had overheard them talking. One of these parties is named MICKIE McGUIRE, a Jew about 22 years of age, dark complexioned and well dressed. He is accompanied by a party known as "AL", 28 to 30 years of age, and another party known as CHESTER has been associating with them. CHESTER and "AL" are reported to have made some trips to Chicago and were overheard to say by the above referred to waitress that there was not anything good around the Twin Cities at this time.

Very truly yours,

R. T. MOONAN, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

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WILLIAM LARSON  
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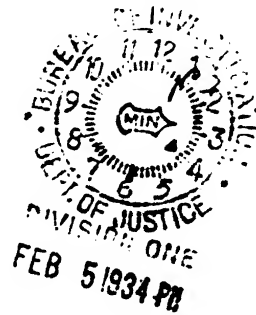
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**Division of Investigation**

U. S. Department of Justice  
625 Lafayette Building  
Detroit, Michigan  
February 2  
1934



Director  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD GO BREMER - VICTIM  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

In compliance with telephonic request from the Chicago Division Office, I communicated with Lieutenant Van Loomis in charge of the Detective Division of the Michigan State Police at East Lansing, for the purpose of securing the original log used by the individuals who robbed the First State Bank at Holland, Michigan, on September 29, 1932, which log gave directions of the roads to follow and was found in the abandoned automobile following the robbery.

Lieutenant Loomis who is very familiar with this matter informed me that as far as he knew the State Police had never been in possession of the original log which was typewritten, and also he did not know of any carbon copies of same. He stated that his office did have several photostatic copies, and that one had been forwarded to the Division in compliance with the request of Special Agent Metcalfe of the Chicago Office on January 28, 1934.

Lieutenant Loomis stated that he was of the opinion that the Burns Detective Agency in Chicago, who was interested in this case perhaps would be in possession of the original log. He was informed however that this organization had been contacted by our office at Chicago and it was their thought that the original was in the possession of the State Police.

Lieutenant Loomis made several inquiries throughout his organization regarding this particular matter and later again notified me that he was unable to secure any information as to the possible whereabouts of the original log.

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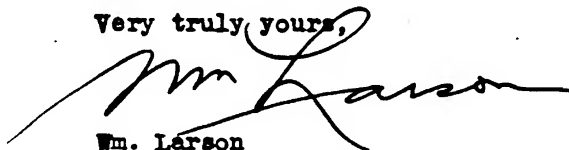
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In connection with the above reference is also made to communication from the Chicago office dated January 31, 1934, in which it is noted that Assistant Director John Edwards had communicated with that office regarding the log in question.

Very truly yours,



Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

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cc Chicago  
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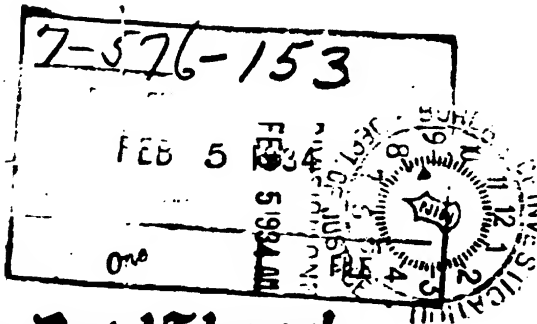
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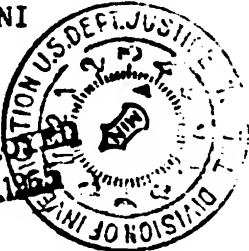
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J. Edgar Hoover

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My theory of the disappearance of St Paul is premeditated murder by some one who has suffered. I look through the Bank or personal dealings with Bremer. I think a clue could be got although such chance as his books or dealings through the Bank. The party being known to Bremer knew his habits & asked or was invited to a ride in Bremer's car. He was ordered to drive his car some place unknown & informed he was kidnapped. The note was written & signed by Bremer. Then he was killed, his car was driven back to where it was found. The note said his father & thus the murderer established an alibi hard to penetrate & everything taken for granted after the publicity that was given the Hamm case. This is my deduction as I cannot weave the kidnap angle into the actions & supposed contacts the papers have made public. Hoping I can be of some help in solving this case.

Very Truly Yours  
C. L. Evens

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Dr. C. L. Evans,  
World Optical Company,  
Walker Bank Building,  
Salt Lake City, Utah.

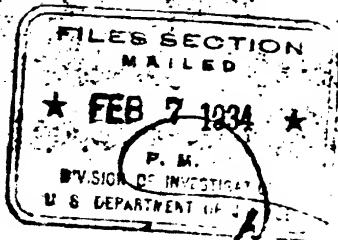
Dear Dr. Evans:

Kindly be advised that your letter of January 31, 1934, concerning the kidnaping of Mr. Edward G. Bremer, has been referred to Mr. Werner Hanni, Special Agent in Charge, Division of Investigation, U. S. Department of Justice, 203 Post Office Building, St. Paul, Minnesota, for appropriate attention.

Very truly yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Director.



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February 7, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Post Office Box 615,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

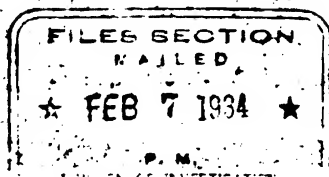
Reference is made to the case entitled **UNKNOWN**  
SUBJECTS, EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim, KIDNAPING.

There are enclosed herewith copies of a letter  
dated January 31, 1934, from Dr. C. L. Evans, of Salt Lake  
City, Utah, concerning the above entitled matter.

Very truly yours,

Director.

Enclosure 681435.



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R. B. WHITE  
PRESIDENT

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J. G. WILLEVER  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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FULL-RATE DAY LETTER

SEARCH HOUSE NUMBER 385 SOUTH WEST WARD EIGHT KENOSHA WIS  
FOR KIDNAPPED EDWARD G BREMER NO BETTER ADDRESS KNOWN=

HENRY BORR.

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CHICAGO ILLINOIS

EDWARD G BREMER KIDNAPING FOLLOWING WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

RECEIVED QUOTE SEARCH HOUSE NUMBER THREE EIGHT FIVE SOUTH

WEST WARD EIGHT KENOSHA WIS FOR KIDNAPPED EDWARD G BREMER

NO BETTER ADDRESS KNOWN SIGNED HENRY BOER UNQUOTE HANDLE

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MINUTES IN TRANSIT  
FULL RATE DAY LETTER

RETEL MICHIGAN STATE POLICE ADVISE THEY HAVE NO KNOWLEDGE  
WHEREABOUTS ORIGINAL CHART SHOWING DIRECTIONS OF ROADS WHICH  
WAS ABANDONED FOLLOWING ROBBERY FIRST STATE BANK HOLLAND  
MICHIGAN SEPTEMBER NINETEEN THIRTY TWO LETTER FORWARDED  
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WESTERN UNION MESSENGERS ARE AVAILABLE FOR THE DELIVERY OF NOTES AND PACKAGES

P. O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

February 2, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD C. BREMER, Victim  
Kidnaping  
St. Paul File No. 7-30.

Complying with your telephonic request, enclosed please  
find a list of the discharged prisoners from the St. Cloud Reformatory,  
St. Cloud, Minnesota, beginning December, 1931.

These are records of the St. Paul Police Department and  
should be returned when they have served their purpose.

Very truly yours,

WERNER BARRI,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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KANSAS CITY, MISSOURI.  
FEBRUARY 5, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 215  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

IN RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Mr. A. P. Sanderson, Narcotic Agent at Kansas City,  
Missouri, presented an English translation of a letter written  
in Greek by Gus Nichols, who is a prisoner in the State Peni-  
tentiary at Stillwater, Minnesota, the letter being quoted for  
the information of the Division as follows:

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It is apparent that the prisoner Nichols may be referring  
to the Bremer kidnaping case. Several communications have been in

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the past transmitted to you regarding Nichols in connection with information which he allegedly offered regarding the case of Vernon C. Miller, Deceased, et al, Conspiracy to Deliver Federal Prisoner.

Such action as you deem advisable might be taken with reference to interviewing Nichols, who is a Greek. Mr. Sandersen, who speaks Greek, would, of course, be willing, under proper arrangements, to assist in the interview with Nichols.

Very truly yours,

M. C. SPEAR, ACTING  
SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE

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Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

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February 5, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. NATHAN

With reference to the crank letters which are being received from the St. Paul Office in connection with the Bremer case, I have discussed them with Mr. Cowley who advised that he believed it the intention of the Division to institute investigation as new extortion cases any letter containing a threat in itself. Accordingly, I am having photostatic copies prepared immediately of all the previous letters and will submit them to Mr. Cowley with the request that after considering them he indicate which, if any, are to be treated as new extortion cases, in order that the usual fingerprint examination may be made here.

With reference to the letter dated St. Paul, January 31, 1934, four crank, information and anonymous letters were received, which are listed below for record purposes. Photostatic copies of these are being made and will be forwarded to the Division. The originals are being retained here and all of them will be examined as to handwriting with a view to determining if the handwriting is identical with any previous notes received in connection with this case. Upon receipt of information as to which will be treated as new cases, the usual fingerprint examination will be made.

1. Anonymous letter postmarked Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 29, 1934, addressed to Mr. Frank J. Blake and signed "L", the first sentence of which reads "The gray goose garage is on 9th St. between 3rd & 4th Avenues So., Mpls., or 314 -".
2. Anonymous letter postmarked Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 30, 1934, addressed to Mr. Adolph Bremer, the first sentence of which reads "Now that this case has left the headlines we will give you a chance."
3. Anonymous letter postmarked St. Paul, Minn., Jan. 25, 1934, addressed to U. S. Secret Service Dept., the first sentence of which reads "Three or four mysterious people at 666 Laurel Ave 2nd floor".
4. Letter postmarked Springfield, Missouri, Jan. 25, 1934, addressed to Mr. C. H. Varley, Chief of Bureau of Investigation, Kansas City, Mo., and signed G. K. Weed.

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Respectfully,

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E. F. Coffey.

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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT ST PAUL, MINN.

LABORATORY TEST OF STAINS INDICATE HUMAN BLOOD. ADVISE IF GROUP TEST IS  
DESIRED AND WHETHER PREVIOUS RECORD EXISTS BAKER'S PHYSICIAN OR HOSPITAL  
INDICATING BLOOD GROUP TO WHICH HIS BLOOD BELONGS

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*Edward J. Connelley*

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TO SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE AT ST. PAUL, MINNESOTA.

VERIFY FOLLOWING CURRENCY NUMBERS ON NEW PAGE 17 COLUMN 1 LINES 8 AND 36  
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COL 2 LINE 59 I 05161366 A

LINE 66 I 05249796 A

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I 05208457 A KINE XXX LINE 42 // XXX LINE 41 I 02325498 A

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P.O. Box 515, St. Paul, Minn.

February 2, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
370 Lexington Avenue, Room 1403,  
New York City, New York.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul File No. 7-50.

I am transmitting herewith a letter from James M. Power,  
Brooklyn, New York, wherein he states that the persons who kidnaped  
ED. BREMER had communicated with him, asking him to write to Mr. Adolph  
Bremer to make arrangements for the payment of the ransom money.

Please have an agent interview Mr. Power and ascertain  
what he knows in connection with this matter.

Very truly yours,

WEINER HANDEL,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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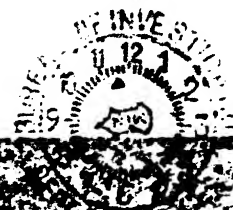
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1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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AIR MAIL

February 2, 1934



Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
625 Lafayette Building,  
Detroit, Michigan.

Dear Sir:

Re: Bremer Kidnapping Case.

Reference is made to letter from this office dated January 31, 1934, which requested that you obtain the original type-written road chart which had been dropped by the bandits at Holland, Michigan, in September, 1932, from the Michigan State Police.

For your assistance in determining whether the chart turned over to you is the original, there is transmitted, herewith, a photographic copy of a portion of this chart, which bore latent fingerprints and which was enlarged by the Division. This photographic copy was forwarded to this office by the Division. The original chart should be readily identified by the figures "1", "2" and "4", the "1" in particular being distinctive and not appearing on the standard keyboard of the Corona Typewriter.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH, Acting,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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U. S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation

735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Building  
Philadelphia, Pa.



February 5, 1934. FEB 6 1934

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM.  
KIDNAPING.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to my letter of February 3, 1934, concerning the above-captioned case.

Prior to telephonic conversation with Mr. Clegg on this date, the writer again interviewed Pat Crowe, who called at the Philadelphia Division Office, and he advised that if Mr. Nathan obtained assurance from the Victim's father that he (Crowe) would receive 5% of any ransom money recovered, he would then turn the information over to me or to Mr. Nathan. I then telephoned Mr. Clegg, who advised that I inform Crowe that the necessary arrangements were perfected. Crowe informed me that he would not turn any information over unless he was permitted to go to Washington where he would turn the information over to Director Hoover if he had a witness, with whom he was acquainted, present, or in lieu thereof unless Detective Sweeney of St. Paul, Minn., would assure Crowe that the Government will lay down and make no arrests in the Bremer case until the ransom money is paid and the Victim is returned.

I spent two hours arguing with Crowe, but without result. Finally, he stated that if I would call a Catholic priest and have him present he would give the information by telephone to Mr. Nathan. In the next breath he informed that he had not made the statement to me when I reiterated his remark. He variously stated that he would give the information if Captain Creedon or Inspector Duffy were present in the office, and then denied that he had said this.

Crowe became very incensed when informed on several occasions that his refusal to divulge information, which he admitted he had in his possession, would place him in serious difficulty inasmuch as a

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penalty is provided under the Federal laws for failure to disclose information concerning a Federal offense. His only reaction to such statements was to remark that he did not care whether he lived and would welcome going to jail. During the course of conversation, Crowe informed me that he had known the identity of the Pennagrove, N. J., bank robbers before the police made arrests. This is just another of his haphazard statements which mean nothing, in my opinion. The Pennagrove case concerned the robbery of a pay roll by several desperadoes, which took place on Thursday, February 1, 1934, and concerning which the police made arrests on February 3rd.

Crowe is an old reprobate, and in my opinion would not receive the confidence of any criminals—certainly not criminals of the type that kidnapped Bremer. He uses what change he can beg or borrow to buy liquor.

I telephoned Mr. Nathan at St. Paul, and he informed me that he would not dignify Crowe by talking with him inasmuch as he feels as I do that Crowe possesses no information. Mr. Nathan informed me that in the event Crowe would agree to furnish the information without taking into our confidence any outsiders, he would talk with him, but otherwise Mr. Nathan felt that it would serve no good purpose to talk with Crowe.

I conferred with United States Attorney Charles D. McAvoy today and advised him of Crowe's refusal to divulge information, which he alleged he had in his possession concerning the identity of the kidnapers, and he informed me that he was thoroughly convinced that Crowe is a publicity seeker, and he did not desire to take any action against him because to do so would give Crowe publicity. In addition thereto, Mr. McAvoy said he can place no significance in the information allegedly in Crowe's possession.

I am transmitting to the St. Paul Office for its information a copy of my letter dated February 3, 1934, to the Division.

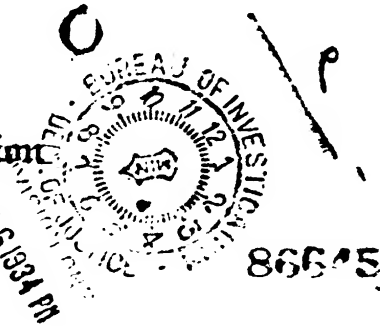
Very truly yours,

*R. G. Harvey*  
R. G. HARVEY,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc-St. Paul

U. S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Investigation

1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois



SPECIAL DELIVERY-AIR MAIL

February 5th, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim,  
O KIDNAPING. Chicago file #7-82

Supplementing the letter from this office to you dated January 29, 1934, please be advised that the original typewritten road chart which was dropped by the bandits at Holland, Michigan, in September, 1932, were this day obtained from Mr. C. M. Stewart and are being transmitted to you herewith.

Mr. C. M. Stewart, who resides at 7000 East End Avenue, Chicago, and is employed as a bookie in the rear of a cigar store on the South side of 71st Street, between Euclid and Jeffery Avenues, was interviewed by Special Agents W. C. Jamison and J. J. Metcalfe, and stated that he had the desired papers and that they were in the possession of his wife. He said that he would gladly furnish these papers to the Division for their use and stated that they came into his possession while he was in the service of the William J. Burns Detective Agency in Chicago, at which time he was investigating the robbery of the First State Bank at Holland, Michigan. Mr. Stewart's residence and place of occupation were ascertained through further inquiry by the above mentioned agents at the office of Swan Lorish and Caspers, Inc., 1959 East 71st Street, Chicago. He would like to have the chart returned to him when it has served its purpose.

Very truly yours,

*W. A. Smith*

W. A. SMITH, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge.

JJM:GVT

cc: Detroit  
cc: St. Paul

P.S. The penciled notations on the charts were made by Mr. Stewart.

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625 Lafayette Bldg.  
Detroit Michigan  
February 3, 1934

SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
1900 Bankers' Building  
Chicago, Illinois

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
Edward G. Bremer - Victim  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to long distance telephone call received from your office last night requesting that this office determine whether Geo Verne Sankey, subject of Detroit File 7-2 entitled Geo Verne Sankey with aliases - Fugitive, et al., Charles Boettcher II, Victim, Kidnaping, had registered at the Field Hotel in Detroit under the name of "W. E. Clark and wife" at any time during the past six months and especially between January 15 and 19, 1934.

Please be advised that Special Agent L. D. Soocy personally checked the registration records at the Field Hotel, which is located at 445 Field Avenue, Detroit, from June 1, 1933 to the present date and was successful in locating the following registrations of W. E. Clark:

Registration card #727 reflects that Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Clark of 3746 Sheffield, Chicago, checked in to said hotel on 2/1/33 and were assigned room 401, rate \$3.00; that they remained at this hotel for two nights. Mr. J. Moore, Manager of the above hotel, registered these people in on this occasion. For identification purposes at the hotel, their folio number is 4845.

Registration card #796 dated 8/15/33 reflects that W. E. Clark, address Council Bluffs, Iowa, registered in and was assigned to room 201 at a rate of \$2.00. He remained at this hotel one night. This registration may be identified at the hotel through folio #5135.

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Registration card #1179 dated 10/24/33 reflects that J. W. Clark and wife of Chicago, Illinois registered in and were assigned room 150 at a rate of \$2.00 per day. They remained at the hotel one night. The hotel folio number of this registration is 6512. [Note: While the initials of this party are "J.W." instead of "W. E." Clark, a comparison of the handwriting would indicate that they are one and the same person.

Registration card #2950 reflects that W. E. Clark, address Chicago, registered in said hotel on 1/16/34 and was assigned room 206 at a rate of \$1.50 per day. He remained at the hotel one day. The hotel folio representing this registration is 7462. Clark on this occasion was registered in by Mr. W. R. Warren, night clerk.

Mr. W. R. Warren, night clerk, Field Hotel, who registered Clark in on January 16, 1934 informed Agent Sweeney that he does not recall whether Clark was driving an automobile on this occasion or not. He did state, however, that since the register reflects only Clark's signature and the fact that he was assigned to a single room, he could fairly definitely state that the latter was not accompanied by a woman or other person.

Upon viewing the photograph of Reo Verne Sankey, Mr. Warren advised that he would be unable to definitely state whether W. E. Clark and Sankey are one and the same person. He did state, however, that the facial characteristics of Sankey are very familiar to him and that it is possible that the latter had been seen by him at the hotel within the past few months.

Mr. J. Moore, Manager of the Field Hotel who had registered W. E. Clark on a previous occasion, when interviewed stated that he does not recall the matter. He was also unable to identify Sankey's photograph as that of anyone known to or observed by him at the Field Hotel.

Gilbert Woods, bellboy at the above hotel, was also interviewed and upon reviewing the photograph of Reo Verne Sankey advised that he is quite definitely certain he saw the latter although he cannot recall where or when. He is of the opinion, however, that it was at the above hotel, since he has been employed there regularly for the past year.

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Tissue tracings of Clark's handwriting as taken from the four registration cards at the Field Hotel are being forwarded herewith to the Chicago office for such identifying purposes as they may serve.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

IDS:MKD

Encls.

cc - Division  
St. Paul

U. S. Department of Justice  
**Bureau of Investigation**  
1900 BANKERS BUILDING  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

January 29, 1934.

Director,  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
Washington, D.C.

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

Dear Sir:

In pursuance of the telephonic instructions received on January 28, 1934, from Assistant Director H. H. Clegg, interview was had on the same night with Chief of Police Peter Lieveuse, by Special Agent J. J. Metcalfe of this office.

Mr. Lieveuse after searching all his records advised that he believed he had turned over the original plans of escape that were left by the bandits at the scene of the robbery of the First State Bank in Holland, Michigan in September, 1932, to the Michigan State Police at East Lansing, Michigan. Mr. Lieveuse communicated with the Michigan State Police to determine if these plans were in the hands of Sergeant H. I. Marmon, and was subsequently advised that the plans were at that place. Agent Metcalfe then conversed with Detective Harold Mulbar of the Michigan State Police, and requested him to forward the original plans by Special Delivery, Air Mail, to the Division, with instructions on the inner envelope that they were to be transmitted to the laboratory. Mr. Mulbar advised that these papers would be forwarded immediately. Chief Lieveuse was informed as to the necessity for these plans being sent to Washington, but this information was not communicated to the Michigan State Police, as it was deemed inadvisable and unnecessary after conversation with Chief Lieveuse. Accordingly the title: re Bremer kidnaping case, will not appear on the envelope containing these plans which is being forwarded to the Division. Chief Lieveuse requested that the plans be returned to him at Holland, Michigan after they have served their purpose in Washington.

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Chief Lieveuse stated that the plans which are being forwarded by the Michigan State Police are original carbon copies. He said that he believes that there were two copies of these plans found at the time of the bank robbery, and that one of them was the original plan and the other an original carbon copy of the plan. He was not certain as to this however, and stated that it is possible that both copies were original carbon copies. With reference to the other copy he said that he believed that to be in the hands of either the Burns Detective Agency in Chicago, or in the hands of Mr. Stewart, who was formerly employed by that detective agency.

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At the William J. Burns Detective Agency, 10 South LaSalle Street, Chicago, interview was today had by Special Agent Metcalfe with Mr. A. R. Lapitz, and one of the Burns Detectives, a Mr. Crowe. Mr. Lapitz searched his files but could find no original plans. However, he did discover a photostatic copy of these plans, and this photostatic copy is being transmitted to you herewith. Mr. Crowe said that he understood that there was only one original copy of these plans, and that that was the copy in the possession of the Michigan State Police. He did not know whether this was the original copy or an original carbon copy but he called attention to the fact that the records of the Burns Detective Agency show that these plans which were at one time in the hands of Mr. Stewart, consisted of "typewriting on half sheets of 8½ by 11 yellow second sheets, devoid of any water marks, and of common stock paper obtainable anywhere." Mr. Crowe said that it is very possible that the fact that these plans were on yellow paper may have led some persons to believe that they were original carbon copies instead of originals. Mr. Lapitz and Mr. Crowe stated that if there exists any other original copy such copy might be in the hands of Mr. Stewart, who is C. M. Stewart, and whose last known address was 6102 Jeffery Street, Chicago, Apartment 303.

Mr. Crowe expressed some concern over the inquiry being made regarding these papers, as he thought that the Chicago office was endeavoring to investigate the Burns Detective Agency. He explained that there has been considerable friction between this detective agency and the Chief of Police at Holland, Michigan, and that the Chief at Holland was of the opinion that the Burns Detective Agency was endeavoring to conceal the identity or whereabouts of the persons who perpetrated the crime of robbing the First State Bank at Holland. He said that there existed some jealousy on the part of the Holland Police, owing to the fact that the plans of escape, and the bullets of the robbers, were originally discovered by Mr. Stewart of the detective agency, and that the Chief of Police at Holland had claimed that these articles were in fact found by the Holland Police, and subsequently turned over to the Burns Detective Agency, who then attempted to take credit for the discovery of the articles. Mr. Crowe stated he understood that the matter had also been referred to Senator Vandenberg of Michigan. In this connection it may be noted that the same information was furnished Agent Metcalfe by Chief Lievense, who said that Stewart failed to appear at Springfield, Illinois at the time extradition proceedings were taking place for the purpose of removing a suspect to Michigan, and that Stewart appeared at the last minute, on behalf of the suspect instead of on behalf of the Burns Detective Agency, as he should have. Chief Lievense also stated that in view of the fact that the plans and bullets which were obtained by Stewart were given to him by the Holland Police on the theory that he knew more about matters of that kind, and that these articles were never returned

*Police Dept. Holland, Mich.*

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to the Holland Police, he was of the opinion that possibly the Burns Detective Agency was not endeavoring to solve the case, but was attempting to shield the criminals. The Chief also expressed considerable criticism of the Chicago Police Department, for its lack of cooperation in solving the case, and helping to extradite suspects, and he said that he had referred these matters to Senator Vandenberg, who replied that he was very much interested and would have the matter looked into.

Agent Metcalfe assured Mr. Crowe of the Burns Detective Agency that this Division was in no sense investigating the Burns Detective Agency, but merely desired the typewritten charts to make laboratory comparisons.

Efforts to locate Mr. C. M. Stewart were unavailing. The Real Estate company of Swan, Lorish and Caspers, Inc. 1959 East 71st Street, Chicago, advised that Mr. Stewart moved from the premises at 7102 Jeffery Street, about one year ago and left no forwarding address. The South Shore Station of the Post Office, 2207 E. 75th Street, Chicago, advised that they had no removal address on file for C. M. Stewart as of 7102 Jeffery Street. The telephone company advised that telephone number Butterfield 0682, which was formerly the telephone number of C.M. Stewart, is no longer in operation, and that they now have no telephone number listed in the name of C.M. Stewart. In this connection your attention is again respectfully invited to the fact that Mr. Crowe was very firm in his belief that only one copy of the plans of escape was ever in existence, and that this is the copy which the Michigan State Police are forwarding to you.

Very truly yours,

*M. H. Purvis*

M. H. PURVIS,

Special Agent in Charge.

JJM:JMS

CC St. Paul

WPC:ON

February 5, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
1800 Bankers' Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

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Dear Sir:

With reference to your letter of January 29, 1934, in connection with the investigation conducted with a view to locating the original getaway charts which were found subsequent to the robbery of the First State Bank at Holland, Michigan, so that the Division might compare them with the typewriting in the extortion notes in the case entitled Unknown Subjects, Edward G. Bremer, Victim; Kidnaping, you are advised that the photographic reproductions submitted with your letter are not the specimens desired by the Division.

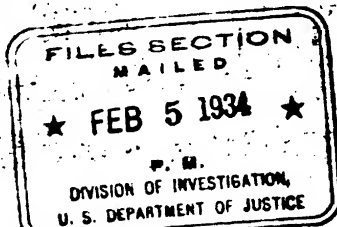
The photographs submitted appear to be reproductions of a typed copy of the original chart and inasmuch as the purpose of the inquiry is to conduct a typewriting comparison such photographs are useless. It is most desirable the Division obtain the original getaway charts. If such is not practical, however, accurate photographic reproductions of the originals taken without enlargement or distortion may suffice.

It is desired your office give every attention to this matter and expedite the inquiry. A copy of this letter is being furnished the Detroit Office in order that similar inquiry may be conducted at the headquarters of the Michigan State Police at East Lansing.

Very truly yours,

Director.

CC - SAC Detroit.



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1000 Bankers Build Inc.  
Chicago, Illinois

February 5, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
825 Lafayette Building,  
Detroit, Michigan.

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Dear Sir:

Re: Brewer Kidnaping Case.

This is to confirm telephonic conversation of last night with Mr. Van Hatten, Clerk in your office.

Investigation conducted at the time of the apprehension of Verne Sankey disclosed that he had had a brokerage account at the E. A. Pierce Company in Chicago. The salesman with whom he dealt there stated that Sankey advised him on January 15, 1934, that he would be out of town for a few days. Sankey did not appear at the brokerage house from January 15 to January 19, 1934. Edward C. Brewer was kidnaped on January 17, 1934. Sankey has stated that he has made several trips to Detroit, Michigan, and that when there he and the girl with whom he has been living, Angeline Sindzenki, alias Helen Hatten, stayed at the Field Hotel, which, according to Sankey, is a short distance off of Jefferson Street. At this hotel they registered as Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Clark.

As requested by telephone last night, it is desired that you conduct investigation at this hotel to determine the dates on which Sankey may have stayed at this hotel during the last six months, and especially to determine whether he was there around January 17, 1934.

Very truly yours,

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CC Division.

W. A. SMITH, Acting  
Special Agent in Charge

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San Francisco, California. Jan. 31, 1934.

WERNER HANNI  
DIVISION OF INVESTIGATION  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
203 POST OFFICE BUILDING  
ST. PAUL, MINN.

BREMER CASE MRS. RITCHIE LEFT HOTEL UNABLE LOCATE HER YET CLAIMS UNKNOWN  
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1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

February 5, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 515  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

RE: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

FEB 6 1934 AM

Receipt is acknowledged of the records of all released prisoners from the St. Cloud, Minnesota State Reformatory forwarded by your Office to this Office upon our request. Please be advised that Special Agent J. T. Martin, of this Bureau Office, interviewed [redacted]

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[redacted] advised Agent Martin, while he was incarcerated at the Minnesota State Penitentiary at St. Cloud he became acquainted with several of the prisoners who were committed from St. Paul, and that he played on the baseball team and associated with these prisoners while he was in that institution. He stated that in the summer of 1932, about June or July, a prisoner by the name of Blackfelner was committed to this Reformatory, receiving a sentence of from five to forty years for a bank robbery and a shooting. He stated that right after Blackfelner came from the institution he associated [redacted] the other prisoners whose names will be set out below, and that on several Saturday afternoons Blackfelner [redacted] the others got together on the baseball diamond of the Reformatory and Blackfelner told the other prisoners that he had observed Bremer's young daughter, about seven or eight years of age, being taken to school by the private chauffeur every morning about 8:30 A.M. He told the other prisoners that this young lady's people were worth a lot of money; that her father was a president of a bank in St. Paul, and that she would, undoubtedly, be a very good victim in a kidnaping case; and that he discussed the possibility of snatching her in front of her home. Blackfelner knew that these other men were being released in a short time on parole, and it was his desire that they kidnap Bremer's daughter and obtain money for her release, and they were to use the same to try to obtain the release of Blackfelner.

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St. Cloud Institution, this office should be notified and the same  
will be carried out according to instructions.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH  
Acting Special Agent in Charge

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Enc.

CC: DIVISION

1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago Illinois

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
P. O. Box 835  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD BREMER - Victim  
KIDNAPING  
Chicago File 7-82

In regard to the letter from the Chicago Division Office to your Office, dated January 28, 1934, indicating that an informant had supplied information that Charles O. Connors, with aliases, and possibly one William Sullivan, alias Crab, had been connected with this case, a picture of Crab-Sullivan has been obtained.

This picture is Chicago Police Group Picture #700, and in addition to the picture of William Sullivan, there is also a picture of Frank "Porky" Dillon. Both Sullivan and Dillon are known associates of Connors, Banghart and other notorious members of the so-called Porky Gang. Dillon, at least, is suspected of implication in mail robberies with Connors.

There is no detailed description of Sullivan. He is now forty-five years of age, and that his height is about 5' 3/4". His fingerprints were taken at the Chicago Police Department and he was assigned classification:

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A copy of these fingerprints was not forwarded to the Division at Washington, D. C., since Sullivan was arrested merely as a suspect and was never charged with a crime other than disorderly conduct. The records show that Sullivan forfeited his bond on the disorderly charge on 1/16/33. At the time of his arrest Sullivan gave the address 853 North Ridgeway Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

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[REDACTED] Sullivan is reported to have a brother named Arthur W. Sullivan, who operates the Central District Printing Company at 3742 S. Ashland Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, telephone LAfayette 8244, and who resides at [REDACTED]

It is interesting to note in this regard that Arthur W. Sullivan's partner in this printing company in the directory is listed as Edward Litsinger, who also operates a large Ford agency in Chicago, Illinois, from which agency Connors purchased a Ford V-8 automobile which was used in the attempt to collect additional ransom from John Factor.

Further efforts will be made to locate Sullivan.

Very truly yours,

WCB:LM  
Enc.

M. H. PURVIS  
Special Agent in Charge

CC: Division



825 Lafayette Building  
Detroit, Michigan  
February 1  
1934

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
803 Post Office Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER - VICTIM  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your wire directed to this office under date of January 30, 1934, in connection with the above entitled case. Please be advised that upon receipt of this wire it was ascertained through the Detroit telephone and city directories that the Moranzes are still residing at 2702 Sturtevant Avenue and that the telephone number at this address is Townsend 7-3970. The city directory lists the following individuals as residing at this address:

Anne Moranz - No occupation given  
Arthur Moranz - Occupation musician  
Frances Moranz - Occupation bookkeeper, American Watch Company  
Margaret Moranz - Occupation clerk

Under pretext of being a friend of Jack Moranz, a telephone call was made to the Moranz residence and an individual who appeared to be an elderly man advised that Jack was not in the city at the present time, and in fact spent very little time in Detroit, Michigan; that should communication be desired with him a letter should be directed to the home at 2702 Sturtevant from which point it would be forwarded. This elderly individual indicated that Jack was in the east in the vicinity of Newark, New Jersey.

Inquiries were made of reliable individuals in the vicinity of the Moranz home and special police officers, without results.

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It would appear that both Jack and Arthur Moranz are presently in the east residing at the Earle Hotel, Jersey City, New Jersey.

As the city directory indicates that Frances is employed as a bookkeeper for the American Watch Company, Mr. R. H. Rosenberg, Secretary and Treasurer of the American Watch Company, was interviewed at 606 Metropolitan Building by Special Agent D. L. Nicholson under the pretext of ascertaining the identity of Jack Moranz in order that he could be contacted in relation to an acquaintance of his. Mr. Rosenberg advised that Frances Moranz has been employed by the American Watch Company

as bookkeeper for several years and is considered to be very reliable and efficient; that she has a brother, Jack Moranz, also known as Colonel Moranz, although Mr. Rosenberg does not know the origin of this title; that Jack Moranz during the World War was a war correspondent and presently is engaged in writing feature articles and is also a cartoonist. Also that another brother, Arthur Moranz, is a musician and artist, and is presently in the company of Jack somewhere in the east where they spend a greater part of their time. Further that Jack Moranz is married and the father of one child, his wife and child being with him in the east. Mr. Rosenberg further advised that the Moranz family is Jewish and from his association with them considered them to be very reliable and dependable.

All of the above inquiries were made without disclosing the nature of this investigation, or the name of the case in connection with which these inquiries have been made.

A copy of this letter is being furnished the New York City Office in order that they may be apprised of the facts in connection with this inquiry, should additional investigation be desired by you at Jersey City, New Jersey.

Very truly yours,

Wm. Larson  
Special Agent in Charge

DLN:vss  
cc Division  
New York

1900 Bankers Building  
Chicago, Illinois

February 5, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
203 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Re: BREMER KIDNAPING CASE

Dear Sir:

Confirming our telephone conversation of last evening relative to information received at this office about the Bremer kidnaping case, you are advised that Mr. J. P. Power from the Public Defender's Office, Criminal Courts Building, Chicago, Illinois, called at this office and advised that on February 2, 1934, one of the members of his office advised him that

by his man that he had, possibly, important information concerning the Bremer kidnaping case.

Mr. Power stated that when he was advised of this by his man he went to the County Jail and interviewed [redacted]. Mr. Power stated [redacted] was formerly a prisoner in the penitentiary at St. Cloud, Minnesota, and was released from that institution on [redacted]. Mr. Power stated [redacted] told him that while he was incarcerated in the penitentiary at St. Cloud, he, together with several others, formulated a plan to kidnap the young daughter of the present victim in the Bremer case; [redacted] was released from the penitentiary at St. Cloud on [redacted] and immediately left there without contacting or conferring with the other prisoners regarding their conspiracy to kidnap Bremer's daughter. He stated that he recalls one of the prisoners names who was doing time with him; namely, Blackfeler.

According to Mr. Power, [redacted] that Blackfeler had been committed to the St. Cloud institution from Harris, Minnesota for a bank job; [redacted] that he would be able to identify the other prisoners in the institution who were in this conspiracy with him if the names and addresses of the prisoners committed to the St. Cloud institution from St. Paul who had been

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released subsequent to [REDACTED] could be prepared.

It is therefore respectfully requested that you contact the officials of the penitentiary at St. Cloud for the purpose of procuring the names of all prisoners committed to that institution from [REDACTED] and released from that institution subsequent to [REDACTED] and forward the same to this Office as soon as possible.

Very truly yours,

W. A. SMITH,  
Acting Special Agent in Charge.

JTH:FTV

cc Division ✓

1900 Bankers Building,  
Chicago, Illinois.

February 1, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
205 Post Office Building,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to telephone call by Mr. Nathan last week, indicating that Lincoln Sedan, 1934 Illinois License 649283, and a Pontiac Sedan, had been seen at 2:30 A.M. on a morning during that week, in front of the St. Paul Hotel.

As you were advised by telephone, these cars belong to Mr. Lawrence J. Benson, General Superintendent of Police, Milwaukee Railroad, and I talked to him about the matter. He stated that he had been in St. Paul on an investigation in connection with his office and had been there at that time, and as I informed you this lead, therefore, means nothing in connection with the Bremer Kidnaping Case.

Very truly yours,

M. H. PURVIS,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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735 Philadelphia Saving Fund Bldg.,  
Philadelphia, Pa.

February 8, 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
203 Post Office Bldg.,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER, Victim  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter dated January 28, 1934,  
all of the 7 classification files in this office have been  
examined, but none of the same misspelled words were found,  
with the exception of the words "to" and "too", which are  
rather common errors. However, other misspelled words  
appearing in 7 classification files are incorporated below  
for the information of the Division, as well as similar  
expressions appearing in two or more ransom notes in different  
cases.

Philadelphia File 7-40, entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
[redacted] Victim,  
[redacted]

fails to show any of the same misspelled words but the ransom note  
says "We have already figured out what you will do when you receive  
this letter." (See Phila. File 7-44)

Philadelphia File 7-31, entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
[redacted] Victim,  
[redacted] Kidnaping.

None of the same misspelled words were found but the alleged victim  
in this case, [redacted] aged 17, admitted he wrote the  
ransom note on a typewriter. In the note he says "Your son is in our  
hands." New York is the office of origin in this case.

Philadelphia File 7-44, entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
[redacted] Victim,  
[redacted] Kidnaping

The victim in this case is [redacted] The ransom notes (2) were  
type-written and addressed to [redacted]

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states "The safety of you and your family are in our hands. Your first thought on receiving this letter will be the police." The word "notified" is spelled "notified." The ransom note continues "By the time you receive this your home will be undermined with a high explosive." See file 7-40, the ransom note in that case also states "We have planted bombs on your property for our protection." The word "inextricable" is used in the 7-44 case (rather uncommon). The word "unobserved" is spelled "unabserved." This may be a typographical error, as we do not have the ransom note. The word "disseminated" is spelled with one "s". The word "receiving" is spelled "receivaing." The word communications is spelled with one "n". The word communicate in the St. Paul letter of reference is spelled communicate. The word concerning is spelled concerning. the word penalty is spelled penelty.

Philadelphia File 7-20, entitled [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Victim,  
Extortion. (Origin-Phila.)

The word "too", meaning too late, is spelled "to". We do not have the original ransom notes in this matter because the investigation was conducted chiefly by the Philadelphia Police, who have the ransom notes, but we have the photograph and fingerprints of Schultz, who is now serving a term in prison. However, if the St. Paul office wants the original ransom notes same can be obtained from the police. The word "across" is spelled correctly in one note, and as "accross" twice in another note written by the same person.

Philadelphia File 7-21, entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,

[REDACTED] Victim,  
Kidnaping.

The ransom note in this case was painted with either paint or red ink. The word "Lindbergh" is spelled "Linburg."

Philadelphia File 7-13, entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,

[REDACTED] Victim,  
Kidnaping.

The ransom note words were clipped from newspapers.

Philadelphia File 7-36, Wash. Field Office of Origin,  
entitled [REDACTED] alias [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Victim;  
Extortion on the threat to kidnap.

None of the same misspelled words appear, but the following words are misspelled:

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pinning  
valuables

They are spelled respectively- oweing  
pening  
valueabils

Philadelphia File 7-15, entitled [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] victim,  
kidnaping.

None of the same misspelled words appear, but the word "column" is spelled  
"cullum."

Philadelphia File 7-7, entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
Extortion.

The word "also" is spelled with two ls.

Philadelphia File 7-30, entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,

[REDACTED] nee  
[REDACTED] M.D.-victim,  
kidnaping-Extortion.

None of the same misspelled words appear, but the word "advising" is spelled  
"advisind." This is a photostatic copy.

Philadelphia File 7-33, entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,

[REDACTED] Victim,  
Extortion-Threat to Kidnap.

None of the same misspelled words appear but the following misspelled words appear:

<u>Correct</u>	<u>Incorrect</u>
Unless	Unless
Beverly	Beverly
Hills	Hills
Girl	Girl
Notify	Notifi
Tarning	Worning
Claude	Clude
Young	Yung
Kenwood	Kenwod
Cannot	Canot
We'll	Wel
Hori	Hore
Chance	Chanc
Finished	Finishd

Philadelphia File 9-37, entitled **UNKNOWN SUBJECTS**,  
b7c [redacted] Victim,  
Extortion.

None of the same misspelled words appear but the word "want" is spelled "wont."

Very truly yours,

R.O. Harvey,  
Special Agent in Charge.

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cc Division

P. O. Box 1876,  
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,  
February 2, 1934

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PH:17  
Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
P. O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minnesota.

In re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim;  
KIDNAPING

Dear Sir:

With reference to the above captioned matter and your letter to the Chicago office, dated January 28, 1934, a copy of which was furnished the Oklahoma City office, please be advised that a check has been made of ransom notes and letters in the files of the Oklahoma City office and none of them contain the misspelled words listed in your letter.

Very truly yours,

R. H. COLVIN,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division

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1216 Smith Young Tower  
San Antonio, Texas  
February 5, 1934.

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U. S. Department of Justice,  
305 Post Office Bldg.,  
St. Paul, Minn.

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BRENNAN, Manager  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Referring to report of Special Agent W. B. Winstead, Dallas,  
Texas, January 31, 1934, a confidential informant with [redacted]  
[redacted] developed that  
they have not heard from Paula Harmon for approximately one year and  
have no idea as to her present whereabouts.

Concerning the list of telephone calls quoted on page four of  
Agent Winstead's report, it was ascertained from this same source that  
telephone call #1 "Lydia Johnson, Ken 3022" is a friend of Paula Harmon.  
Her address is unknown to informant.

Concerning call #2 "Callie - Douglas 0069" this is the negro  
maid of Paul Harmon and will probably be with her.

Concerning call #4 "Madeline Burdick 0010" this is the wife of  
Jack Snyder, a bandit who participated in the bank robbery when Charlie  
Harmon was killed. Her present whereabouts is unknown.

Concerning call #6 "Sam Gordon - Buck 1400" this is a friend of  
Paula Harmon whose present whereabouts is unknown to informant. Informants  
have no knowledge concerning the other telephones listed.

Informants advise that at the time Charlie Harmon was in the  
Leavenworth penitentiary Paula lived at 3107 Pine Grove, Chicago, under  
the name of Marie Merritt and later lived at Diversey Parkway, one block  
off Sheridan Drive, Chicago, and at the time she left that address she  
turned all furniture and equipment over to a girl friend named "Louise"  
who may be still living at that address.

The photograph mentioned on page 4 of Agent Winstead's report  
bearing the photographer's address "541 Diversey Parkway" may be the photo-

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Special Agent in Charge, #2

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graph of her girl friend Louise.

A copy of this letter is furnished the Chicago office and if the St. Paul office desires a check made of telephone numbers listed it is presumed that office or the Chicago office can determine whether or not the Exchanges listed are operating in those districts.

Very truly yours,

One T. Jones,  
Special Agent in Charge.

cc Division  
cc Chicago



BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
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P. O. Box 7709  
Portland, Oregon

February 2, 1934

Special Agent in Charge  
Division of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
205 Post Office Building  
St. Paul, Minnesota

Re: Unknown subjects  
Edward G. Bremer (Victim)  
Kidnaping

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to your letter of the 28th ult., in which is incorporated a list of misspelled words which have appeared in ransom notes in the above case.

You are advised that I am unable to find any documents containing words misspelled which coincide in any way with the list furnished.

Very truly yours,

C. C. Speare  
Special Agent in Charge

CCS:B  
cc Division

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CLASS OF SERVICE DESIRED	
DOMESTIC	CABLE
TELEGRAM <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	FULL RATE
DAY LETTER	DEFERRED
NIGHT MESSAGE	NIGHT LETTER
NIGHT LETTER	WEEK END LETTER

Patrons should check class of service desired; otherwise message will be transmitted as a full-rate communication.

# WESTERN UNION

NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT J. C. WILLEVER, FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

1200 A

CHECK *m*

ACCT'S INFM.

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Los Angeles, Calif. Jan. 29

Werner Hanni *W*  
 Division of Investigation  
 U. S. Department of Justice  
 203 Post Office  
 St. Paul, Minnesota

BREMER KIDNAPPING DURING LATTER PART DECEMBER LAST ANTHONY M IORRIA ALIAS TONY LAMBERT PHOENIX BOOTLEGGERS LEFT FOR SALE AT PHOENIX PARKING LOT THIRTY ONE MODEL LINCOLN SEDAN MOTOR SIX FOUR FOUR NINE SIX LAST YEARS ILLINOIS LICENSE TWELVE FIVE SEVEN FOUR FOURTEEN STOP CAR CHECKED PHOENIX POLICE UPON REQUEST OWNER PARKING LOT AND OWNERSHIP VERIFIED STOP IORRIA TOOK CAR FROM PARKING LOT ABOUT FIRST INSTANT STATING DESIRED SELL SAME IN LOSANGELES STOP RETURNED PHOENIX FEW DAYS LATER IN CAR WHICH BORE LAST YEARS ILLINOIS LICENSE TWELVE FIVE NAUGHT EIGHT NINE FIVE STOP IORRIA AGE FIFTY FIVE FORMERLY RESIDED CHICAGO HAS BEEN IN PHOENIX FREQUENTLY PAST FEW YEARS AND PROBABLY PHOENIX DURING LAST TWO WEEKS CHECKING FURTHER

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WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS ARE APPROPRIATE GIFTS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

7h  
318 Hayes Building  
San Francisco, Calif.



REV/AP.

FEB 7 1934

Special Agent in Charge,  
Division of Investigation,  
U.S. Department of Justice,  
P.O. Box 515,  
St. Paul, Minn.

Dear Sir:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
Kidnaping.

Reference is made to St. Paul telegram of January  
30, 1934, and my reply of the 31st, regarding a report that  
Mrs. S.S. Ritchie, at San Francisco, had been requested to  
address an envelope to the father of the Victim in the above  
captioned matter, at St. Paul, Minn., in care of the bank.  
As recited in my wire, no credence is placed in this matter  
by the Police at all.

I have discussed this matter with Captain of Detectives  
Dulles, to whom this matter was first referred, and he advises  
me his inspectors report there is nothing at all to this matter,  
and they doubt if any strange man ever approached Mrs. Ritchie,  
and Captain Dulles discounts the entire matter personally.

There is no further information other than that con-  
tained in my wire of the 31st ultimo.

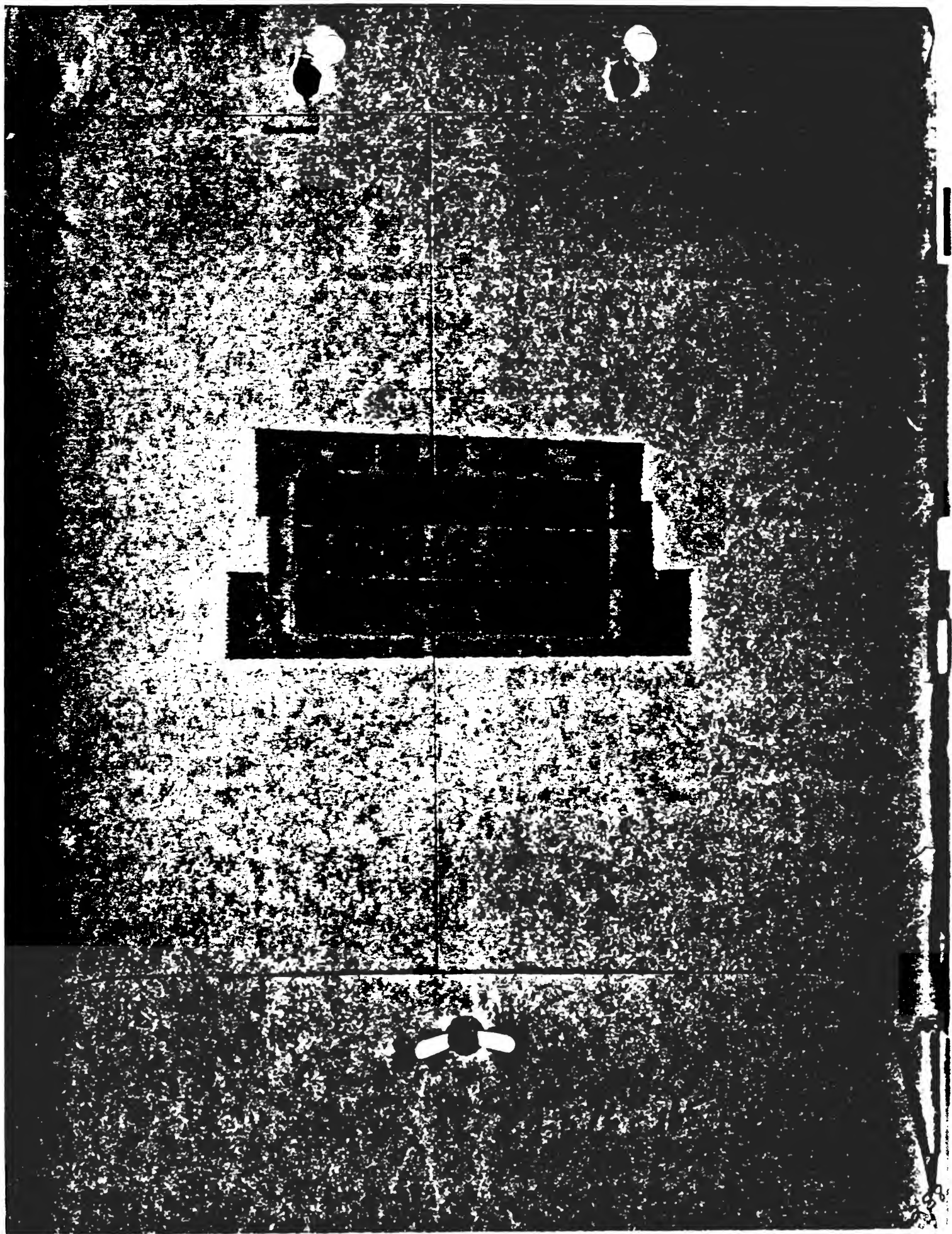
Very truly yours,

R.E. Vetterli,  
Special Agent in

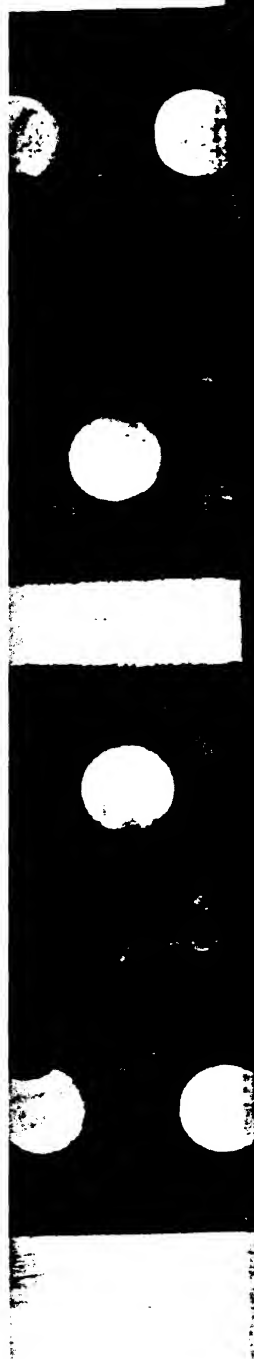
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# LEGEND:

A --- Ahead  
 B --- Bump  
 BB --- Bad bump  
 BBBr --- Bad bump bridge  
 b --- Barn  
 CC --- Concrete  
 D --- Corner  
 DD --- Ditch  
 emt. --- Deep Ditch  
 E --- Empty  
 F --- End.  
 Gr. --- Farm  
 G --- Gravel  
 H --- House or Highway  
 J --- Jog  
 L --- Left  
 P --- Post  
 R --- Right  
 S --- Straight or Pass.  
 T --- Turn  
 Tr --- Tree  
 U --- Under  
 V --- Very  
 W --- Very, very.  
 Y --- White  
 Z --- Yellow  
 Side Road

\* A Mail Box  
 \* Twin Shores  
 \* Across  
 Sig. Sign  
 C Club  
 ro ro --- Rough Road  
 On-Your-Toes --- Caution.  
 At.  
 Sl --- Slow

## EXAMPLES:

YHL - Yellow House on Left.  
 R off grH..Turn Right at a  
 Cross Road off the  
 gravel highway.

\*\*\*Kendall L...Three mail boxes  
 on the left of the  
 road and one has the  
 name of Kendall on it.

Rich... Town of Richland, Ind.  
 Cr.Pt... Crown Point, Ind.  
 Principal Highways crossed are,  
 34 just East of Galesburg, Mich.  
 and Ind. 17 just South of Oulver, Ind.  
 The Chart is exact in every detail and does not  
 touch any Village, Town or City for a distance of  
 470 Miles. Gas was stored in hiding places enroute

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058 S 2 El BB  
064 S 2 Comb Br Frame  
068 Br  
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090 S 4 BB YHL  
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 611 Cem R  
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 657 S# grH  
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 672 #RR  
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 685 LT gate A  
 694 #RR Sl ro ro  
 700 SZ  
 703 Cem L  
 710 R# F & Ch L  
 716 BB #RR  
 722 LT  
 723 RF Big Tree L  
 740 S# HOI Sl WER Trimmed green  
 743 #RR  
 745 J R then L  
 750 S F  
 751 SZ Rich to L  
 756 S# H65  
 766 S# Mac H  
 776 SZ  
 776 RF with gr  
 783 S#  
 797 SZ  
 804 S# Mac H  
 820 S# 4 sig R  
 ON YOUR TOES-  
 835 #RR #H34 GALESBURG L  
 840 Careful Ro out of town from L  
 841 Br  
 845 S# gr H  
 861 LT off H  
 869 SF  
 879 R# new paint WHR  
 896 S# on Mac H

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 915 LE  
 917 SZ on grH  
 920 SF  
 928 LT on Mac H  
 933 RF 3 sigs L  
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 068 RT #Br  
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 077 L River A  
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 084 Br then L  
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 118 SF off H  
 122 S Z  
 133 S# then v sl BB  
 136 BBBr  
 137 #RR Sl then v sl BB  
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 164 L# on H ent WHL  
 174 RF Tin sig L  
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 185 L# on grH  
 190 S# H9 Iron posts & Flowers R  
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311 SF rock R  
322 SZ  
323 Br  
324 RE abandoned  
330 Br  
331 LE Gates A  
343 Old Wind R  
343 SF \*\*\*  
348 S1 Hale R  
351 SF grt sign  
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727 Br OC  
736 S# Mac H then L  
741 R# 2 wires L  
747 S#  
751 YHL \* Garber R  
754 S#  
755 Many BB's  
766 LT grH  
772 RF  
773 #RR S# H37  
778 Jog  
788 S# RB hay R  
798 L# with 3 big wires off grH  
809 S2 BB  
81 BB's thru here LOOK  
814 S# H8 OC  
820 SF  
823 Br then v al BB's  
827 #RR  
831 R# YHL big Tree R  
833 Br stucco H L  
841 S#  
845 SF  
852 S# grH sig Milf L  
863 S#  
873 S# old shanty \*R  
883 L# br sch R  
889 S# 5 rail fence R  
894 Br  
904 RT on gr oA sch R  
907 L# off grH \* R  
910 BB & BB  
912 RT iron o OC base R  
920 S# H2100 2 trees R  
923 \*Hepler  
931 LT DD A  
936 R  
939 L  
945 br sch L  
947 fence A R Turn  
951 LZ bR ro ro  
961 S# DD R  
966 Br  
975 Lt apple & L  
980 Corn crib Br  
985 RF  
992 S# WH Wind R  
995 Br iron A wood  
998 S2  
004 S# H331 \*Paulson  
014 S# big rock field  
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078 LT to gas  
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088 LZ round OC o R  
102 S# H52 then #RR  
S# Big sign R  
103 RE 105 LZ \*L FL  
117 RT \*A  
120 LZ \*Boggs L  
128 S# HWind R  
141 S# B'g tin sig L  
158 S# H53 then #RR (U.S.#31)  
178 S2 178 SF old H & Frt ts  
184 LT \*Hartman R  
185 SF 188 \* SMcSnyder R  
183 Br new iron  
199 S# F \*R  
210 S# H32 H & Wrooks L  
212 #RR 214 Br 221 Br 226 Br  
231 S# with wires OCouvert R  
234 Br 239 S# apple ts R  
258 SF S#  
260 LZ \*Kerr L  
275 H R  
281 RT old sch L oh R  
286 LT gate with ball A OCWall R  
291 RF Fifield F L (Reset to 285)  
288 Br 298 SF 303 RT on H39  
306 LZ off H Culver A  
308 Wind L S11 S# \*Walley BB  
314 S# 322 RE 325 LE  
333 LT wood wind R 340RT  
350 Br HAonL  
355 JL lake A  
356 RZ with lake Small dock R  
358 JL 359SF 367 Burnt stump R  
370 RE 300 o R  
375 L# 380 JR&L  
388 Br Wfence R 391 S WH  
392 JLAR 385 Br  
402 S# town (Ora) L  
407 LZ many sigs 413 S  
424 S# 427 RBR  
434 S# H41 Road L R (Gas str)  
441 S# H42 (RFls) 444S#  
455 S# 456 RT with gr  
465 S# 478 LT H  
480 S# 483 S# 483S#  
494 S# H1 sch L inhabited  
505 S# 514 S# 520 S#  
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Division of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

P. O. Box 515

St. Paul, Minn. February 4, 1934.

Director,

Division of Investigation,

U. S. Department of Justice,

Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Re: Unknown Subjects, Edw. G.

Bremer, victim, Kidnapping

St. Paul file 7-50

In the above matter enclosed please find memorandas submitted by Agents of this office covering investigations of leads. Among them being memoranda on lead telephoned by the Division, covering 931 Cecelia street Sioux city Ia.

Very truly yours

Werner Hanni,

Special Agent in Charge.

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St. Paul, Minnesota  
February 3, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HARRY

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS,  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim,  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file No. 7-30.

At the C.W.A. camp, whose men are now employed at various points on the Highland Park Golf Course, the Foreman GEORGE KANE and Assistant Foreman C. E. SPENCER and HERB BJORKLAND were contacted to determine whether or not employees of the C.W.A. project were in a position to notice the transfer of the victim, EDWARD BREMER, to the kidnapers' car on Edgumbe Road. MR. KANE suggested that more satisfactory results would be obtained if general inquiry were made among the men by the foremen rather than direct contact by this agent.

The above foremen were again contacted on February 2nd and they stated that none of the men employed on any of the park projects had actually seen the transfer although one man, HERB LUNDQUIST, had stated that he noticed a parked car in the vicinity of the THORNTON home at about 8:30 on the morning of January 17th.

MR. LUNDQUIST was interviewed by agent and he advised that on the morning of the 17th of January, about 8:30, he noticed a large sedan parked on Edgumbe Road; that there was no one in the immediate vicinity and he looked into the car but observed no blood; that when he returned again to the automobile some time later, the car was still there.

On February 3rd, agent accompanied LUNDQUIST to the spot where the car had been seen by him and it was noted that this car was parked near the THORNTON home and not in the position where victim's car was found, which was west of the THORNTON home. After considerable questioning, MR. LUNDQUIST stated that about 7:05 on the morning of January 17th, when he came to work, he noted this car, which he now believes to have been a Hudson Sedan, standing about half a block east of the THORNTON home and facing west; that the top of the car was ajar, and believing that someone was out of gas or needed assistance, he looked into the automobile and then proceeded on to the C.W.A. project down near the Highland Park Golf Course; that about 8:30 a.m., while looking for wood with which to build a fire, he saw the car in the same position but that it had been turned around and was then facing east.

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Because of the position of this car and the fact that it was removed, according to LUNDQUIST, at about 9:30 on the morning of the 17th and was not in the position where the victim's car was found, it is not believed that this automobile had any connection with this case.

MR. LUNDQUIST described the car as being dark blue and, to the best of his recollection, a Hudson Sedan.

Further inquiry among the men of the C.W.A. project failed to find anyone who saw either of the cars in which the victim and the kidnapers drove on Edgumbe Road or the transfer of the victim to the kidnapers' car.

MR. KANE, the foreman, however, advised that practically all of the men had during the course of the day noted the victim's automobile parked in the position in which it was later found and that they believed this car to be that of some real estate agent inasmuch as real estate men were accustomed to park their cars at various points in the subdivision and leave same for considerable periods of time.

MR. LUNDQUIST, who is a truck driver of the C.W.A. project, resides at 913 Rustis, St. Paul, and is on duty during the mornings at the C.W.A. works. Foremen C. E. SPENCER and HERB BJORKLAND can be reached by telephones Midway 1346 and Dale 5669.

Very truly yours,

E. N. NOTESTEEN,  
Special Agent.

ENN:HVS  
3 - Division  
2 - St. Paul

Sioux City, Ia.  
Feb. 2, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. O. WERNER HANDEL

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file 7-50.

Upon arrival here I consulted FRANK WHEELLOCK, Assistant Chief of Police, and learned that there is no 931 Cecelia St., in Sioux City, which was verified by personal inspection in company with MR. WHEELLOCK. There are numbers 925 and 927, the latter being the end of the 900 block. EARL MORGAN, former Chief of Police and at the present time on the auto theft detail, lives at 1025 Cecelia St., and thru him a check on most of the residents in the vicinity was made. It was found that his wife was still better acquainted with the persons living nearby. However, the parties living at the above two numbers, 925 and 927 are not known to the MORGANS. The old inhabitants of these houses either sold or moved out and rented about a year ago. There is also a house located in the rear of these two places which might bear checking. Inquiry of the druggist, FRED BARNES, who is in the same block as these two houses, revealed that he did not know who resided therein but felt sure he would be able to find out shortly. A party by the name of SMITH has been residing for about a year in the house located in the rear of these two, and is not considered intelligent enough to engage in any criminal work that required some brains.

In the 1100 block there is a suspicious couple, supposed to be insurance agents, man and wife, who have a Nash Sedan about 1931 or 1932 model, large, dark colored, in some respects resembling a Lincoln, bearing Iowa 1933 plates 97-19852. They give the name of MURPHY and the car is said to be registered under that name but nothing is known about them and they appear to be strangers in the town. They have been there since a week ago last Monday. Arrangements are being made so that I may enter their room tomorrow in their absence and try to find out something about them, although it is said that they have no luggage or belongings that are not locked in two suitcases and a brief bag.

Very truly yours,

R. T. NOONAN,  
Special Agent.

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St. Paul, Minnesota.

February 2, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR S. A. C. WERNER HARRY:

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT.  
EDWARD G. BREMER - Victim.  
KIDNAPING.  
St. Paul file No. 7-30.

Regarding the information given to you by [redacted] to the effect that FOSTER WEATHERBY, 770 North [redacted], was informed at one time by an individual that this individual would kidnap EDWARD BREMER if he could induce someone to join with him, please be advised that Agent Jack Brennan and myself interviewed FOSTER WEATHERBY and he stated that RICHARD MALCOMSON in September, 1933, had informed WEATHERBY that he would like to kidnap EDWARD BREMER if someone would join with him in the kidnaping. WEATHERBY stated that he suspected that MALCOMSON was such a person who would do the kidnaping. WEATHERBY mentioned that on a previous case, he had given information to the Burns Agency which resulted in apprehending some bank robbers in South Dakota. With reference to this case, he had nothing further to offer except to inquire whether he would be taken care of in the event a reward is given for the apprehension of the kidnapers.

RICHARD MALCOMSON was located at the U. S. Hotel, Third and Robert Streets, and was taken to the Division office and questioned. He stated that sometime last year he had remarked to persons whom he could not now remember except that one was his landlord at 213 West 5th Street when he lived there that since WILLIAM HAMM had been kidnaped, he presumed that EDWARD BREMER would be the next one as BREMER also came of a wealthy brewing family.

A specimen of his handwriting was secured and compared with the letter received by the Postmaster at Minneapolis, which letter stated that EDWARD BREMER'S body could be found in Anoka. There is no similarity in the handwritings.

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RICHARD MALCOMSON is described as follows: Age 43 years, born Iron Mountain, Mich.; height, 5 feet 8 inches; weight, 175 pounds; hair, gray, combed pompadour; medium complexion; relatives cousin, MRS. A. V. MAHER, 152 North [redacted], St. Paul. His handwriting specimen is contained in the St. Paul file. 20 MAR 17 1934

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